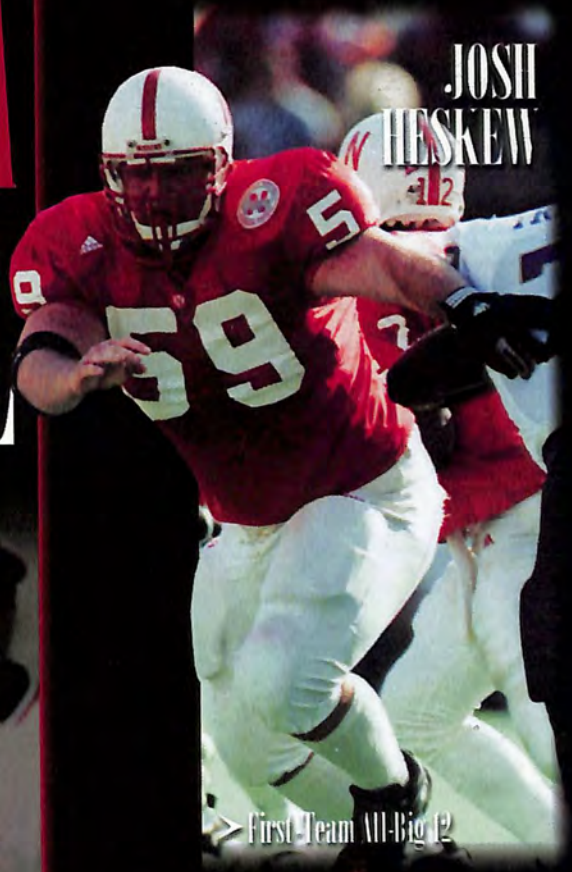
NEBRASKA '98 FOOTBALL

RALPH BROWN

> First-Team All-Big 12



JOSH HESKEW

> First-Team All-Big 12

SHELDON JACKSON

> First-Team All-Big 12

JOEL MAKOVICKA

> Two-Time Academic All-American

Culligan HOLIDAY BOWL

NEBRASKA vs ARIZONA

DECEMBER 30, 1998 ◆ SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

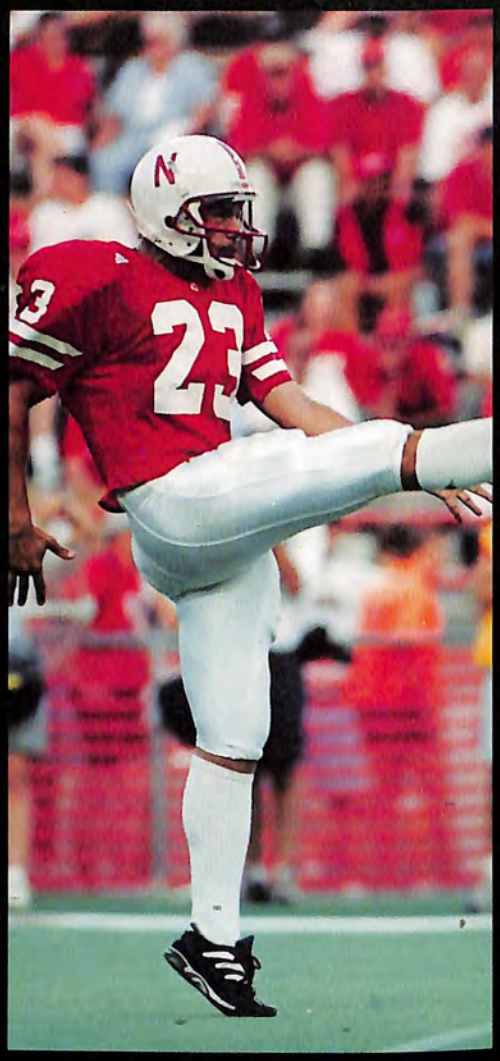
RECORD '98 BREAKERS

KRIS BROWN

- 388 Points Scored, Career (seventh in NCAA History)
- 217 PATs Made, Career (NCAA Record)
- 222 PATs Attempted, Career (NCAA Record)

JOE WALKER

- Returned Interception, Kickoff and Punt Return for Touchdowns in 1998 (sixth player in NCAA history)



BILL LAFLEUR

- First-Team Academic All-American
- 44.9 Punting Average (School Record)

MATT DAVISON

- 167 Yards Receiving vs. Texas A&M (School Single Game Record)

IN THE ACADEMIC ARENA

Nebraska leads the nation with 161 first-, second- and third-team GTE Academic All-Americans for all sports and 55 first-team football Academic All-Americans.

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Nebraska A.D. Bill Byrne

The University of Nebraska Cornhuskers and all members of the NU Athletic Department wish to take this opportunity to thank all the media representatives and fans for their continued interest in Husker football and intercollegiate athletics. All of us at Nebraska join in extending to you and your families best wishes for a happy Holiday Season and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Bill Byrne, Director of Athletics
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The Nebraska Huskers vs...

Huskers Briefly

Record: 9-3
Big 12 Record: 5-3, 2nd (North Division)
Home: 6-1, **Away:** 2-2, **Neutral:** 1-0
Total Attendance: 830,773
Average Attendance: 69,231
Home Attendance: 217,913
Average Home Attendance: 76,186

Offense:

Yards Rushing/Game: 253.8
Yards Rushing/Att.: 4.8
Passing Yards/Game: 131.2
Pass Efficiency Rating: 126.59
Passing Yards/Att./Comp.: 208/118/5
Total Net Yards/Game: 384.9
Total Net Yards/Att.: 5.5
Points/Game: 31.9
Turnover Margin: +75

Defense:

Yards Rushing/Game: 116.8
Passing Yards/Game: 196.8
Pass Efficiency Defense: 111.62
Total Net Yards/Game: 313.7
Points/Game: 15.3

General Information

Location: Lincoln, Neb., 68588-0123
Population: 200,000
Founded: 1869
Enrollment: 25,000
Football Stadium: Memorial Stadium (1923)/ Tom Osborne Field (1998)
Capacity: 72,700
Consecutive Sellouts: 227 (1962)
Surface: Astroturf-8 (1992)
Nickname: Huskers, Cornhuskers
Colors: Scarlet & Cream
Conference: Big 12
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1998 Nebraska Schedule and Results (9-3, 5-3 Big 12)

Date:	Opponent:	Television:	Results:	Att:	AP/Coaches NU-OPP: Game	Rank OPP. Current:
Aug. 29	**Louisiana Tech+**	**FSN**	**W, 56-26**	**76,021**	**4/3 -NR**	
Sept. 5	**UAB**		**W, 38-7**	**75,921**	**4/3 -NR**	
Sept. 12	at California	FSN	W, 24-3	67,000	4/3 -NR	
Sept. 26	**Washington**	**ABC**	**W, 55-7**	**76,372**	**2/2 -9/8**	
Oct. 3	vs. Oklahoma State#!	FSN	W, 24-17	79,555	2/2-NR	
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M#	ABC	L, 21-28	60,798	2/2-18/18	8/9
Oct. 17	**Kansas (HC)#**	**FSN**	**W, 41-0**	**76,174**	**8/8-NR**	
Oct. 24	**Missouri#**	**Fox Sports**	**W, 20-13**	**76,425**	**7/7-19/18**	**23/--**
Oct. 31	**Texas#**	**ABC**	**L, 16-20**	**76,434**	**7/7-NR**	**20/22**
Nov. 7	at Iowa State#		W, 42-7	45,817	14/15-NR	
Nov. 14	at Kansas State#	ABC	L, 30-40	44,298	11/11-2/T1	4/4
Nov. 27	**Colorado#**	**ABC**	**W, 16-14**	**75,958**	**14/17-NR**	
Dec. 30	**vs. Arizona**	**ESPN**			**14/16-5/6**	

#-Big 12 Conference game; HC-Homecoming; !-Arrowhead Stadium (Kansas City, Mo.) +-Eddie Robinson Classic

Husker Quick Stats

Rushing	Gms.	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	Long	TDs
Correll Buckhalter, IB	12	142	799	5.6	66.6	52	8
Eric Crouch, QB	8	96	459	4.8	57.4	59	5
Joel Makovicka, FB	12	97	459	4.7	38.2	23	2

Passing	Gms.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds	YPG	TDs	Rating
Eric Crouch, QB	7	101-49-4	48.5	601	75.1	4	103.65
Bobby Newcombe, QB	6	79-50-1	63.3	712	118.7	1	140.64
Monte Christo, QB	7	28-19-0	67.9	261	37.3	2	37.3

Receiving	Gms.	No.	Yds	YPR	YPG	Long	TDs
Matt Davison, SE	12	32	394	12.3	32.8	49	0
Shevin Wiggins, WB	12	22	326	14.8	27.2	42	1
Sheldon Jackson, TE	12	19	343	18.1	28.6	48	4

Tackles	UT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int.-Yds-TD
Mike Brown, ROV/FS	37	102	5-5	0-0	4	1-1-0
Jay Foreman, MLB	12	32	97	3-22	4	0-0-0
Chad Kelsay, LRE	33	72	14-52	5-39	4	1-0-0
Eric Johnson, WLB	33	70	11-52	6-41	1	0-0-0

Series History

Lincoln -- In the only previous meeting between the two schools, Nebraska jumped out to an early lead and withstood a late Arizona rally to hold on to a 14-14 tie in Memorial Stadium on Sept. 30, 1961.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Huskers drove 40 yards and broke out to a 7-0 lead on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Dennis Claridge to Jim Huge. Claridge completed 6-of-11 passes for 55 yards, while fullback Rudy Johnson had a team-high 30 of NU's 79 rushing yards.

The Wildcats scored later in the quarter on a 7-yard pass from Eddie Wilson to John Remner, but Arizona missed the extra point and NU held a 7-6 halftime lead.

The Huskers extended its lead to 14-6 as Dennis Steuwe scored on a 6-yard run to cap a four-play, 22-yard drive set up by a fumble recovery by Tyrone Robinson at the UA 22-yard line.

Game Stats	UA	NU
1st Downs	17	6
Rushes	53	31
Rushing Yards	**297**	**79**
Passes Att.	13	11
Passes Comp.	5	6
Intercepted	1	0
Passing Yards	**70**	**55**
Total Plays	55	42
Total Yards	**367**	**134**
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles Lost	3	1

Behind the rushing of Bobby Lee Thompson, the Wildcats marched 79 yards in 11 plays as Thompson broke free for a 24-yard touchdown run. The 'Cats tied the score on a two-point conversion as Wilson found Larry Williams open in the end zone to tie the score at 14. Thompson rushed for game-high 173 yards and also caught a pass for 28 yards. Late in the fourth quarter, Arizona had two opportunities to win the game, but the Husker defense stiffened, forcing a missed field goal. Time ran out on Arizona's final possession as the Wildcats were setting up for another game-winning field goal attempt.

The Wildcats capped one of its most successful seasons with an 8-1-1 mark, while the 1961 season was the last for NU Coach Bill Jennings, whose final team finished with a 3-6-1 record. Jennings was replaced by Bob Devaney, beginning a new era of Husker football.

One member of the 1961 team is still an important part of the Huskers program, Dr. Pat Clare. Currently an orthopedic surgeon and NU's Medical Chief of Staff, Clare was a running back and played on special teams in 1961. in the Arizona game, Clare recovered a Wildcat fumble and also rushed for five yards on two carries.

The Arizona Wildcats in the Culligan Holiday Bowl

1998 Arizona Schedule and Results (11-1, 7-1 Pac-10)

Date:	Opponent:	Television:	Results:	Att:	AP/Coaches Rank UA-OPP: Game	OPP. Current:
Sept. 3	at Hawaii	ESPN	W, 27-6	33,804	24/25-NR	
Sept. 12	at Stanford#		W, 31-14	30,096	21/21-NR	
Sept. 19	**Iowa**	**FSN**	**W, 35-11**	**52,634**	**16/17-NR**	
Sept. 24	at San Diego St.	ESPN	W, 35-16	23,811	16/16-NR	
Oct. 3	at Washington#	FSN	W, 31-28	71,469	14/14-20/20	
Oct. 10	**UCLA#**	**FSN**	**L, 28-52**	**58,738**	**10/11-3/3**	**6/5**
Oct. 17	at Oregon State#		W, 28-7	30,231	16/17-NR	
Oct. 24	**Northeast Louisiana**		**W, 45-7**	**39,218**	**14/16-NR**	
Oct. 31	**Oregon#**		**W, 38-3**	**44,931**	**13/15-12/13**	**21/21**
Nov. 7	**Washington State#**		**W, 41-7**	**47,761**	**10/11-NR**	
Nov. 14	at California#		W, 27-23	36,500	9/10-NR	
Nov. 27	**Arizona State#**	**FSN**	**W, 50-42**	**57,953**	**7/7-NR**	
Dec. 30	Nebraska	ESPN			5/6-14/16	

#Pac-10 Conference game

Final 1998 Pacific-10 Conference Standings

	Team	Pac-10	Overall		Team	Pac-10	Overall
1.	UCLA	8-0	10-1		Arizona St.	4-4	5-6
2.	**Arizona**	**7-1**	**11-1**	7.	California	3-5	5-6
t3.	Oregon	5-3	8-3	t8.	Oregon State	2-6	5-6
	USC	5-3	8-4		Stanford	2-6	3-8
t5.	Washington	4-4	6-5	10.	Washington State	0-8	3-8

Wildcat Quick Stats

Rushing	Att.	Yards	YPC	YPG	Long	TDs
Trung Canidate, RB	167	1220	7.3	110.9	80	10
Kelvin Eafon, RB	145	532	3.7	44.3	34	16
Leon Callen, RB	63	276	4.4	25.1	36	1
Keith Smith, QB	49	199	4.1	16.6	38	3

Passing	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds	YPG	TDs	Eff. Rating
Keith Smith, QB	165-113-7	68.5	1,732	144.3	13	147.14
Ortege Jenkins, QB	142-70-4	49.3	1,011	84.3	5	115.09

Receiving	No.	Yds	YPR	YPG	Long	TDs
Dennis Northcutt, WR	63	922	14.6	76.8	56	6
Jeremy McDaniel, WR	58	916	15.8	76.3	76	9
Brad Brennan, WR	15	314	20.9	34.9	72	3
Mike Lucky, TE	11	142	12.9	11.8	25	0

Tackles	UT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int.
Marcus Bell, ILB	82	119	14-51	3-30	6	0-0-0
Rafell Jones, FS	39	59	3-4	0-0	4	2-22-0
Scooter Sprotte, ILB	33	58	7-20	0-0	6	3-38-0
DaShon Polk, OLB	37	56	2-2	0-0	2	2-73-0

How the Two Teams Compare in 1998

	Nebraska			Arizona	
Category	Average	Big 12	Rank National	Average	Rank National
Rushing Offense	**253.8**	**1**	**6**	**213.4**	**14**
Passing Offense	131.2	10	98	231.5	36
Total Offense	384.9	4	39	**444.9**	**18**
Scoring Offense	**31.9**	**3**	**23**	**34.7**	**15**
Rushing Defense	**116.8**	**2**	**16**	**102.8**	**12**
Pass Eff. Defense	111.6	7	34	**107.8**	**22**
Total Defense	**313.7**	**7**	**22**	334.9	33
Scoring Defense	**15.3**	**3**	**11**	**18.0**	**19**
Net Punting	**39.4**	**2**	**7**	**38.9**	**11**
Punt Returns	**11.5**	**4**	**T25**	**13.0**	**16**
Kickoff Returns	21.0	7	50	22.0	32
Turnover Margin	**+0.75**	**3**	**19**	**+0.83**	**18**

(Bold indicates a mark which ranks in nation's top 25)

Dick Tomey
Head Coach

Chris McAlister
Cornerback

Wildcats Briefly

Record: 11-1
Pacific-10 Conference Record: 7-1, 2nd
Home: 5-1, **Away:** 6-0

Offense:

Yards Rushing/Game: 213.4
Yards Rushing/Att.: 4.9
Passing Yards/Game: 231.5
Passing Yards/Att./Comp.: 2778/309/185
Total Net Yards/Game: 444.9
Total Net Yards/Att.: 6.4
Points/Game: 34.7
Turnover Margin: +.83

Defense:

Yards Rushing/Game: 102.8
Passing Yards/Game: 232.2
Total Net Yards/Game: 334.9
Points/Game: 18.0

General Information

Location: Tucson, Ariz.
Founded: 1885
Enrollment: 34,000
Football Stadium: Arizona Stadium
Capacity: 57,803
Surface: Natural turf
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Cardinal and Navy
Conference: Pacific-10
President: Dr. Peter Likins
Director of Athletics: Jim Levengood
Dir. of Media Relations: Tom Duddleston, Jr.
Media Relations Coordinator: Brett Hanson
Information Specialists: Mindy Bishop and David Hardee

Head Coach: Dick Tomey (DePauw, 1964)
Record: 146-98-7 (22 years, .596) overall
83-52-4 (12 years, 612) at UA

Assistant Coaches: Duane Akina (Associate Head Coach/Defensive Secondary), Pete Alamar (Tight Ends), Dino Babers (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers), Charlie Dickey (Offensive Line), Rich Ellison (Defensive Coordinator/ Outside Linebackers), Robert Ianello (Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers), Marty Long (Defensive Line), Bob Wagner (Linebackers) and Jeff Woodruff (Running Backs).

1998 Culligan Holiday Bowl Media Information

Nebraska Travel Plans

The Huskers will fly from Lincoln to San Diego on Tues., Dec. 22, via charter, departing at 8 a.m. While in San Diego, the Huskers will headquarter at the Hyatt Regency San Diego and will practice at the University of California, San Diego, and will return home via charter on Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. (PST).

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General Information on the Culligan Holiday Bowl

Minimum Team Payout:	$1.8 million per team
Home/Visiting Teams:	Arizona/Nebraska
Holiday Bowl Web Site:	www.holidaybowl.com
Nebraska Web Site:	http://huskerwebcast.com
Arizona Web Site:	www.arizcats.com

Nebraska Media Policies and Practice Procedures

Nebraska's football practices are closed to the media and the public. Practice reports will be filed at the end of each practice with daily quotes from Coach Frank Solich. Still photographers and videographers are welcome to shoot the first 15 minutes of practice (or until scrimmage plays begin), but will be asked to leave the premises after the allotted time is up (five minutes during the walk-through on Tues., Dec. 29). The Huskers will practice at the University of California, San Diego, and will hold a short walk-through drill at Qualcomm Stadium on Tues., Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. Selected and requested players will be available for interviews after practices and during media functions. **The final day for player interviews will be Sunday, Dec. 27**. Please refer to the schedule below for selected player interviews. Please contact the NU sports information staff to arrange other interviews. **There will be no phone interviews from the bowl site**. All times are subject to change.

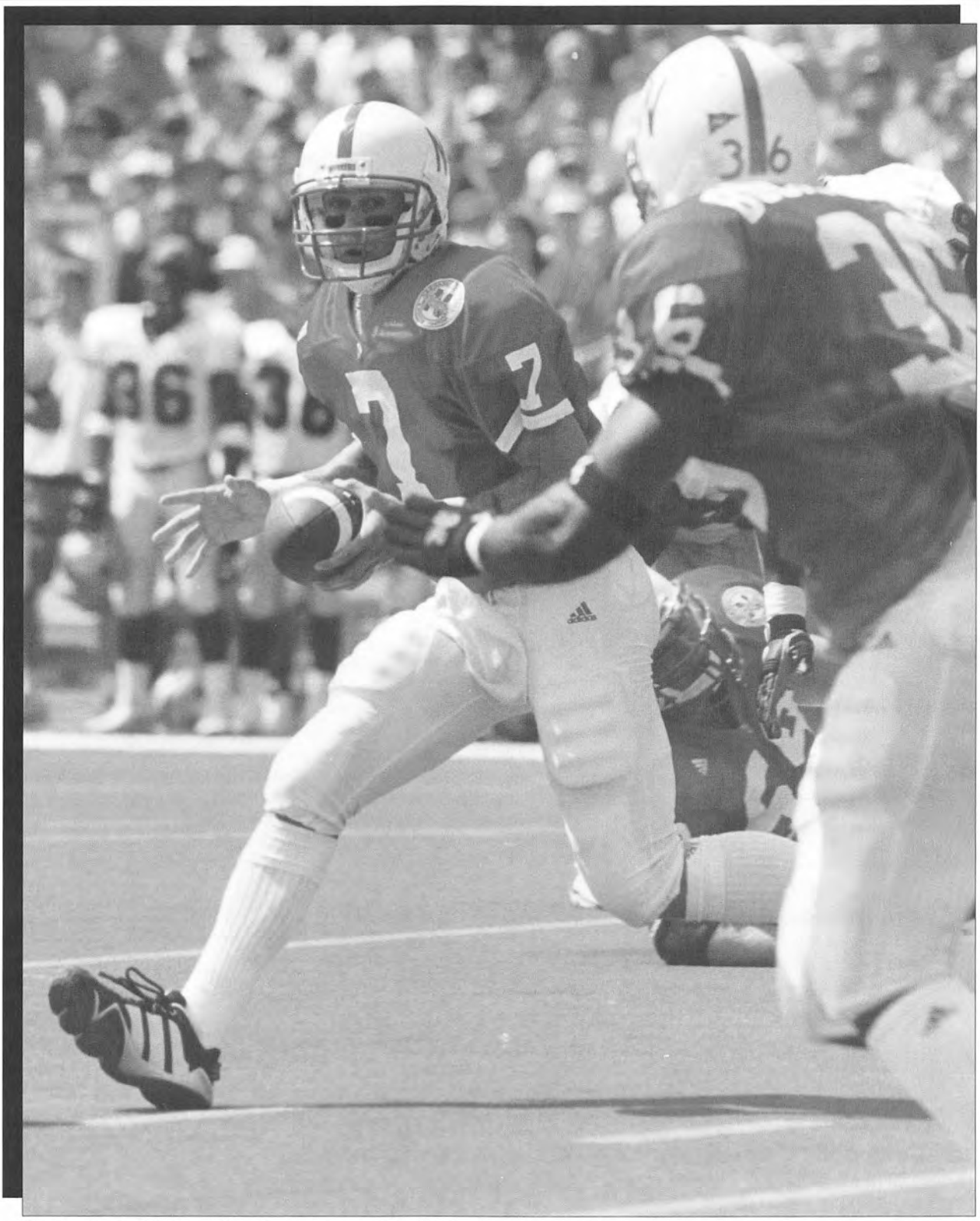
Tentative Practice/Event Schedule for NU in San Diego

Date:	Event	Time:	Location Notes:
Tues, 12-22	Departure	8 a.m. (central)	Team Departs Lincoln via charter from from Municipal Airport
	Arrival	9:15 a.m. (pacific)	Team arrives in San Diego Airport
	Practice	12:30-2:15 p.m.	Selected players after practice (E. Crouch, J. Sherman, T. Ortiz and M. Rucker)
Wed, 12-23	Practice	10:15 a.m-Noon	Selected players after practice (M. Davison, S. Jackson, C. Buckhalter and C. Finley)
	Social	5 p.m. **(M)**	Team Barbeque at Hyatt
Thurs, 12-24	No practice		Free Day
Fri, 12-25	Practice	11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Selected players after practice (K. Cheatham, J. Heskew, C. Kelsay and J. Wiltz)
Sat, 12-26	Practice	10:15 a.m.-Noon	Selected players after practice (L. Brown, K. Brown, M. Brown and R. Brown)
	Social	1:30 p.m. **(M)**	Team Day at Sea World
	Press Conf.	4 p.m.	at Qualcomm Stadium (Coach Solich, J. Makovicka and J. Foreman)
Sun, 12-27	Practice	10:15 a.m.-Noon	Selected players after practice (D. Evans, S. Wiggins, E. Johnson and B. Lafleur)
	Social	1:30 p.m. **(M)**	Team Day at San Diego Zoo
Mon, 12-28	Social	11:45 a.m. **(MC)**	Tour of USS Peleliu - (32nd St. Naval Station)
	Practice	3-4:30 p.m.	No player interviews
Tues, 12-29	Social	11:30 a.m. **(MC)**	Kickoff Luncheon-San Diego Conv. Cent.
	Practice	6-6:40 p.m.	at Qualcomm Stadium (walk-through) Open to shoot first five minutes No player interviews **Solich to speak before the walk-through**
Wed, 12-30	Kickoff	5:05p.m.	Qualcomm Stadium
	Postgame Press Conf.		Following 10-minute cooling-off period
Thurs, 12-31	Departure	10 a.m.	Depart San Diego via charter

Note:All times listed are local and are subject to change; **(M)**--Holiday Bowl functions, players will be available for brief informal interviews **(MC)**--only coaches are available.

Postgame Procedures

Nebraska's locker room is closed, but Coach Frank Solich and requested players and assistant coaches will be available for interviews following a brief cooling-off period. Only coaches, players and staff members will be admitted to the locker room after the game. Turn in specific player requests to Sports Information Director Chris Anderson by the end of the third quarter (please include name and affiliation). Players making significant plays late in the game will be also be available.



Quarterback Eric Crouch and I-back Correll Buckhalter took over for injured starters Bobby Newcombe and DeAngelo Evans and recorded 1,060 and 799 yards of total offense, respectively.

Husker Notes

Huskers Take On Arizona in 30th Consecutive Bowl

With a win, first-year head coach Frank Solich will become one of 15 Division I coaches to post 10 wins in his first season at the helm.

Husker Records and Streaks

- 69-6 over last six years
- Five-straight 11-win seasons
- 30 straight nine-win seasons
- NCAA record 227 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- 37 consecutive winning seasons--NCAA record
- 30 consecutive nine-win seasons--NCAA record
- 30 consecutive bowl bids--NCAA record
- 37 all-time bowl appearances--fifth best in NCAA
- 17 "Major" bowls in last 18 years
- 290 consecutive weeks ranked in the Associated Press Poll--AP record

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Game #13 -- Holiday Bowl

No. 14/16/11 (AP/Coaches/BCS) Nebraska (9-3 overall, 5-3 Big 12 Conference, 2nd in North Division) vs. No. 5/6/7 Arizona (11-1, 7-1 in Pac-10)
Bowl: 21st Annual Culligan Holiday Bowl
Site: San Diego, Calif., Qualcomm Stadium (72,000, Grass)
Game Date: Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998; Kickoff Time: 7 p.m. Central, 5 p.m., PST
The Coaches: NU--Frank Solich (9-3, 1st year); UA--Dick Tomey (146-98-7, 22 years, 83-52-4, 12 years at Arizona)
TV: ESPN (PBP--Mike Tirico; Color--Todd Blackledge; SL--Dr. Jerry Punch)
Radio: Pinnacle Sports Productions (Play-by-Play--Warren Swain; Color--Adrian Fiala; Sideline--Jerry Tagge and Gary Java)
Radio: Westwood One Radio (Tony Roberts, Rick Walker)
Live Internet Radio Broadcast: http://huskerwebcast.com

No. 14/16 Nebraska (9-3) Set to Face No. 5/6 Arizona (11-1) in the Culligan Holiday Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

The No. 14/16 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska Cornhuskers are slated to appear in their 30th consecutive bowl game when the team travels to San Diego, Calif., to take on the No. 5/6 Arizona Wildcats in the 1998 Culligan Holiday Bowl, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998. The Huskers will be attending their 37th bowl overall, which ranks fifth best all time in NCAA Division I-A. Nebraska's nation-leading streak of going to a "major" bowl in each of the last 17 years ends as the Huskers will not be an BCS Bowl participant. Nebraska finished second in the North Division of the Big 12 Conference (5-3) behind Kansas State. Arizona finished the season 11-1 and 7-1 in the Pac-10 Conference, losing only to UCLA, 52-28, in Tucson. A Nebraska win over Arizona would give NU 10 wins for the sixth consecutive year, dating back to a 9-3 finish in 1992. For Coach Frank Solich, it would mark the first time in the history of Husker football that a first-year coach has won 10 games. He would also become just the 15th coach in Division I history to accomplish that feat. A win would ensure that Nebraska remains among the top 25. NU has finished in the top 25 every year for 29 straight years (since Bob Devaney went 6-4 and finished the season unranked in 1968). A decisive win could put the Huskers back among the top 10 in the AP, where Nebraska has finished in each of the last five years. Nebraska has finished in the top 10 in 21 of the last 28 years and in the top 15 every year but one (1990). Arizona will be the Huskers' fifth ranked opponent, and third top 10 opponent, this season. Nebraska is 20-4 vs. ranked opponents over the last six years (2-2 this season).

In the Polls

Nebraska extended its AP poll record to 290 consecutive weeks. Nebraska dropped one spot in the AP poll to 14th and moved up one spot to 16th in the coaches poll. Five Big 12 teams are ranked in at least one of the polls (two in the top 10), including Nebraska (14/16, AP/Coaches), Kansas State (4/4), Texas A&M (8/9), Texas (20/22) and Missouri (23/--). Texas Tech and Colorado also received votes. Nebraska's highest rank this season was No. 2 for three consecutive weeks (Sept. 20-Oct. 4). Its lowest was 19th by the coaches and 17th by the AP on Nov. 15. In the Dec. 6, Bowl Championship Series (BCS) final poll, the Huskers ranked 11th, (No. 7 in Sagarin, No. 11 in Seattle Times and No. 15 in New York Times computer polls, with a No. 14 strength of schedule ranking).

1998 Nebraska Football Schedule and Results (9-3, 5-3, 2nd in Big 12 Conf., North Division)

Date	AP rank NU/Opp.	Site	Result	Quick Bit
Aug. 29	**4/- La Tech* (FSN)**	**Lincoln**	**W 56-27**	Solich's first win, fourth preseason victory for NU; Walker 99-yard KO TD return
Sept. 5	**4/- UAB**	**Lincoln**	**W 38-7**	NU wins 44th-straight home game without five starters; Eric Crouch starts at QB
Sept. 12	4/- at California (FSN)	Berkeley, Calif.	W 24-3	Huskers win ninth straight road game; Shevin Wiggins has career-best 7-97-1 receiving
Sept. 26	**2/9 Washington (ABC)**	**Lincoln**	**W 55-7**	Huskers post 11th straight win over AP top 10 team; Newcombe/Evans return & score 6 TDs
Oct. 3	2/- Okla. St. # & (FSN)	at Kansas City, Mo.	W 24-17	Defense holds OSU on 1-yard line to end game; Walker 73-yard game-winning punt return TD
Oct. 10	2/18 at Texas A&M #(ABC)	at College Station	L 28-21	First loss in 20 games overall, and in 41 conference games, NU drops to eighth in polls
Oct. 17	**8/- Kansas (HC)#(FSN)**	**Lincoln**	**W 41-0**	On Homecoming, NU shut out Kansas and outrushed the Jayhawks 466 yards to 99
Oct. 24	**7/19 Missouri # (FOX)**	**Lincoln**	**W 20-13**	NU held Mizzou to 166 total yards as walk-on QB Monte Christo led team to win
Oct. 31	**7/- Texas # (ABC)**	**Lincoln**	**L 16-20**	Texas ends Huskers 47-game home winning streak; NU drops out of top 10
Nov. 7	14/-at Iowa State #	Ames, Iowa	W 42-7	Starters Crouch (91) and Alexander (110) rush for 201 yards in Husker 42-7 win
Nov. 14	11/2 at K-State # (ABC)	Manhattan, Kan.	L 30-40	KSU remained unbeaten and No. 1 in the coaches poll in a come-from-behind win
Nov. 27	**14/- Colorado # (ABC)**	**Lincoln**	**W 16-14**	NU extends streak to 30 years with at least nine wins per season
Dec. 30	14/5 Arizona (ESPN)	Holiday Bowl%	7 p.m.	Huskers extend nation-leading streak of consecutive bowl games to 30

**** Eddie Robinson Football Classic; & at Arrowhead Stadium; # Big 12 Conference Game; (HC) Homecoming; San Diego, Calif.%***

Huskers in the Bowls

Holiday Bowl is Nebraska's 30th Consecutive, 37th All-Time Bowl Appearance

Nebraska will participate in its 30th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak, and an all-time NCAA record. Nebraska's 37 bowl appearances overall is fifth best, trailing Alabama's 49, USC and Tennessee's 39 and Texas' 38. Nebraska will not participate in a "major bowl" this season, ending a nation-leading streak of 17 straight. The last time the Huskers played in a "non-major" bowl game, was the Dec. 27, 1980, Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, where they defeated Mississippi State, 31-17. NU's 30 consecutive bowls string began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. Nebraska is 18-18 all-time in bowl games. Former NU Coach Tom Osborne finished third all time in bowl appearances (25) behind Paul "Bear" Bryant's 29 and Joe Paterno's 29. He was also third in most bowl victories by active coaches (12); first all time in "Major" bowl appearances with 21 and second to Paterno's 29 in most years taking one school to a bowl with 25. In last year's Orange Bowl, NU defeated Tennessee, 42-17, and NU won its fifth national championship as Osborne broke Bryant's NCAA record for consecutive bowl berths with one school (25). The Holiday Bowl marks the second meeting between Nebraska and Arizona. Nebraska will be making its first appearance in the Holiday Bowl.

NU Looks to Improve Bowl Record to Plus-500

In bowl games, NU is 18-18 overall, (0-1 under Biff Jones, 0-1 under Bill Glassford, 6-3 under Bob Devaney, 12-13 under Tom Osborne, 0-0 under Frank Solich). Four of the last five bowl games have been for the national title. After the 1994 season, No. 1 Nebraska defeated No. 2 Miami, 24-17, in the Federal Express Orange Bowl to post its first national championship under Osborne. In 1995, NU defeated Florida, 62-24, in the Fiesta Bowl for a second national crown. In 1996, No. 6 Nebraska defeated No. 10 Virginia Tech, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl. Last year, No. 2 NU won its third national title in four years, defeating No. 3 Tennessee 42-17 in Osborne's last game. This year marks the 14th time in 18 years that the Huskers have entered the game as the lower-ranked team as Nebraska is 14th in the AP and Arizona is No. 5. Nebraska has seen stiff competition in the bowls. In fact, including the Holiday matchup this season, the Huskers have played just one bowl opponent ranked lower than fifth (Virginia Tech in 1996) since 1985 (14 of the last 15 years). In the past eight years, NU has faced AP's No. 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 2, 10, 3 and 5 teams, respectively, while NU was not ranked in the top 10 in three of those years. Four of the last five bowl games for Nebraska have matched teams ranked in the AP top three. In all but two of Nebraska's last eight bowl games, the winner has emerged as national champion (in at least one of the polls, excluding Florida State in the 1992 season and Nebraska in 1996). In 1994, 1995 and 1997 it was the Huskers winning it all. Before that, it was Florida State (1993), Miami (1991) and Georgia Tech (1990).

NU's Last Bowl...Nebraska 42, Tennessee 17

Miami, Fla., FedEx Orange Bowl, Jan. 2, 1998--The second-ranked Huskers entered the contest with one of the most potent offenses in college football and with one goal in mind--to send retiring Coach Tom Osborne out as a winner. With quarterback Scott Frost, fullback Joel Makovicka and All-America I-back Ahman Green operating behind a veteran offensive line led by Outland Award winner Aaron Taylor, Nebraska led the nation in total offense (513.7 yards per game), rushing offense (392.6 ypg) and scoring offense (47.1 points per game). Defensively, All-Americans Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter led a stingy Blackshirt defense that ranked among the top 10 in total defense, rushing defense and scoring defense.

Tennessee entered the showdown with an 11-1 record and a No. 3 national ranking after winning the Southeastern Conference title. The Vols had suffered an early-season loss to then top-ranked Florida, but had won their last nine contests, including a 30-29 come-from-behind victory over Auburn in the SEC title game. Behind the arm of Heisman Trophy runner-up Peyton Manning, Tennessee was among the nation's leaders in total offense (482.1 ypg) and passing offense (331.8 ypg).

Although many people had conceded Michigan the national championship after its Rose Bowl win, Osborne told his team that he felt the door was still open for at least a share of the title.

Nebraska took advantage of Tennessee turnovers for its first two touchdowns. The Volunteers were driving for a score before cornerback **Ralph Brown's** jarring hit forced a fumble by UT running back Jamal Lewis and **Mike Rucker** recovered at the Husker 22-yard line. Nebraska would capitalize, marching 78 yards in eight plays, capped by an Ahman Green 1-yard run. Then, **Lance Brown** recovered a fumbled punt at the 15-yard line, setting up a **Shevin Wiggins** 10-yard run. Tennessee's Jeff Hall connected on a 44-yard field goal to cut the Husker margin to 14-3 midway in the second quarter.

The Huskers took the second-half kickoff and went 80 yards in 12 plays to go ahead 21-3. The Nebraska defense stepped up on Tennessee's next series. After putting the Vols in a third and eight situation, Rucker sacked Manning for a nine-yard loss, forcing a punt. Nebraska's offense continued to pound away, marching 73 yards before Frost scored his second touchdown of the night on an 11-yard blast to give NU a 28-3 lead with 5:07 remaining in the third quarter.

Tennessee responded, driving 72 yards on nine plays, capped by a nine-yard touchdown pass from Manning to Peerless Price. After the UT touchdown, Green single-handedly put the game out of reach, rushing for 72 yards on NU's next possession and capped the five-play drive with a 22-yard TD run, giving Nebraska a 35-9 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Frost finished the Husker scoring with a 9-yard run, his third score of the day, to give Nebraska a 42-9 lead. Tennessee tacked on a touchdown in the final minute, but by that time, the game was over, as the red-clad Husker fans loudly sang the praises of the legendary Husker coach who had led NU to 255 wins over the past quarter century.

Green earned MVP honors, rushing for an Orange Bowl and Nebraska bowl record 206 yards and two touchdowns, breaking the NU bowl record of 199 yards set by Tommie Frazier in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

The victory was similar to many of the wins during the Osborne era. Nebraska rushed for 409 yards and amassed 534 yards in total offense against the Volunteers. Nebraska tied an Orange Bowl record with 30 first downs and controlled the clock for more than 36 minutes. On the night, Frost completed nine-of-12 passes for 125 yards, while rushing for 60 more and three scores. **Sheldon Jackson** had a career-high four catches for 56 yards, while Green caught three passes for 31 yards. Defensively, Nebraska held Tennessee to a season-low 315 yards. The Blackshirt defense held Manning in check, allowing just 134 yards passing by the All-American, his second lowest total of the season. All-America defensive tackle Jason Peter led the Huskers with seven tackles, while cornerback **Erwin Swiney** and rover **Mike Brown** had five tackles apiece.

The Associated Press poll came out first, naming Michigan as its champion, but the Huskers edged the Wolverines by four points in the coaches poll. It was the third national title in the past four years for Nebraska and the fifth in school history, capping one of the greatest runs in college football history. The Huskers became only the second team to win three titles in a four-year span (Notre Dame, 1946, 47, 49) and their five-year mark of 60-3 is an NCAA best. With the win, Osborne passed UT's Phil Fulmer and retired as the nation's winningest active coach.

Big 12 Conference Sends Seven to Bowls in 1998

Texas A&M is the only Big 12 team to earn a BCS bowl bid this season, but seven Big 12 teams earned bowl invites this season, up from five in 1997. No. 8/9 Texas A&M will play No. 3/3 Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1), No. 4/4 (No. 3 in BCS) Kansas State will play Purdue in the Alamo Bowl (Dec. 29), No. 14/16 Nebraska will face No. 5/6 Arizona in the Holiday Bowl (Dec. 30); No. 23/-- Missouri will play No. --/24 West Virginia in the Insight.com Bowl (Dec. 26); No. 20/22 Texas will face No. 25/23 Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1); Colorado will play No. 21/21 Oregon in the Aloha (Dec. 25) and Texas Tech will play Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl (Dec. 31). Washington, one of Nebraska's four non-conference will play No. 16/13 Air Force in the Oahu Bowl (Dec. 25).

1998 Big 12 Final Results

North **Records**

Team	Conf.	Overall	Bowl Gm./Opp.
K-State	8-0	11-1	Alamo/Purdue
Nebraska	**5-3**	**9-3**	**Holiday/Ariz.**
Missouri	5-3	7-4	Insight.com/W.Vir.
Colorado	4-4	7-4	Aloha/Oregon
Kansas	1-7	4-7	
Iowa State	1-7	3-8	

South

Team	Conf.	Overall	Bowl Gm./Opp.
Tx. A&M*	7-1	11-2	Sugar/Ohio St.
Texas	6-2	8-3	Cotton/Miss.St.
Texas Tech	4-4	7-4	Indepen./Miss.
Okla. St.	3-5	5-6	
Oklahoma	3-5	5-6	
Baylor	1-7	2-9	

*** Big 12 Champion**

NU Non-Conference Opponents:

Team	Overall	Bowl Game
Louisiana Tech	6-6	
Ala.-Birmingham	4-7	
California	5-6	
Washington	6-5	Oahu/Air Force

1998 Arizona Results (11-1)

Sept. 3 ..... at Hawaii ..... W 27-6
Sept. 12 .... at Stanford ..... W 31-14
Sept. 19 ... Iowa ..... W 35-11
Sept. 25 ... San Diego State ..... W 35-16
Oct. 3 ..... at Washington ..... W 31-28
Oct. 10 ..... UCLA ..... L 28-52
Oct. 17 ..... at Oregon State ..... W 28-7
Oct. 24 ..... Northeast Louisiana .. W 45-7
Oct. 31 ..... Oregon ..... W 38-3
Nov. 7 ..... Washington State ..... W 41-7
Nov. 14 .... at California ..... W 27-23
Nov. 27 .... Arizona State ..... W 50-42

Top 20 Bowl Appearances

School:	All-Time:	Consecutive: Most:	Current:	Major:
1. Alabama	49+	25	1	--
2. USC	39	8	1	--
Tennessee	39	10	9	2
4. Texas	38	9	1	--
5. Nebraska	**37**	**30+***	**30***	**--**
6. Penn State	35	13	10	--
7. Georgia	34	10	2	--
8. Oklahoma	32	8	--	--
9. Louisiana St.	31	5, 5	--	--
Ohio State	31	15	10	3
11. Michigan	30	24*	24	1
12. Arkansas	29	6, 6	1	--
13. Ga. Tech	27	6	2	--
Mississippi	27	15	2	--
Florida State	27	17*	17	8
16. Florida	26	8*	8	1
Auburn	26	9	--	--
18. Washington	25	8	4	--
19. Texas A&M	24	6	2	1
20. Miami	23	12	1	--
Texas Tech	23	4	1	--

(Major Bowl--Jan. 1 or Jan. 2 bowls through 1994, Alliance plus Rose 1995-1997, BCS in 1998)
+NCAA record, *current

Head Coach Frank Solich

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, the same day that legendary Hall of Fame Coach, Tom Osborne, announced his retirement. Solich, who was born in Johnstown, Pa., spent most of his childhood in Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Nebraska in 1962. He played for another Hall of Fame Coach--Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65, and was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game. He also lettered for the Huskers in baseball in 1965. After serving as a high school football coach at Omaha's Holy Name (1966-68) and Lincoln's Southeast (1968-79), Solich took over the Nebraska freshman program and posted a 19-1 record (1979-82). He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and held that position for each of the last seven years. Solich earned his bachelor's (1966) and master's (1972) from Nebraska. He is 9-3 at the helm of the Huskers (6-1 at home, 2-2 on the road, 1-0 at neutral site), 2-2 vs. AP ranked teams (1-1 vs. AP top 10 teams), 7-1 vs. unranked teams (4-1 at home, 3-0 on road), 5-3 vs. Big 12 Conference opponents (3-1 at home, 1-2 away, 1-0 at neutral site); 1-0 in August, 3-0 in September, 3-2 in October, and 2-1 in November. Coach Solich became just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches--Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962). With a bowl win, Solich would be the first Husker coach to post 10 wins in his first season, the 15th in NCAA Division I-A and just the fifth among Big 12 schools (joining Barry Switzer and Chuck Fairbanks of Oklahoma; Rick Neuheisel, CU and Pat Jones, OSU. Please see page 16 for complete chart).

1998 Season Recap

Nebraska Finishes Regular Season 9-3

The Nebraska Cornhuskers began and ended its first season under Coach Frank Solich with home wins. In between however, the Huskers dropped three conference games, including one at home to Texas which ended NU's nation-leading and fifth-longest 47-game home winning streak.

The Huskers defeated pass-happy Louisiana Tech in an early season opener in Lincoln, winning 56-27, in the Eddie Robinson Football Classic. La Tech set school opponent records as quarterback Tim Rattay and wide receiver Troy Edwards combined for 590 yards passing but the Bulldogs were held to a season-low minus 12 yards rushing. Edwards set an NCAA record with 405 yards on 21 catches. For NU, I-back **Correll Buckhalter** rushed for a career-high 143 yards and two scores and rover **Joe Walker** had a 99-yard kickoff return. Unfortunately, in the game, quarterback **Bobby Newcombe** suffered a torn PCL in his left knee that would hamper him the remainder of the season.

In game two, the Huskers defeated Alabama-Birmingham in Lincoln 38-7. The game marked redshirt freshman **Eric Crouch's** first start at quarterback. Crouch ran for two touchdowns (11 yards and a career-best 59 yarder) and passed for 127 yards. Reserve QB **Monte Christo** added 81 yards in the air, including a season-best 63-yard pass to tight end **Tracey Wistrom**. Placekicker **Kris Brown** hit on five extra points and a 27-yard field goal and broke the school record for points scored with 313 (bettering Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier's 312 from 1981-83).

NU hit the road for its first game away from home but played in front of nearly 35,000 Husker fans in Berkeley in a 24-3 win over California. Cal had just 12 rushing yards and 236 total yards as the Husker Blackshirts held the Bears to just a field goal. Nebraska wingback **Shevin Wiggins** had a career-best seven catches for 97 yards and one TD from Christo and fullback **Joel Makovicka** rushed for a season-high 77 yards.

The Huskers moved up to No. 2 in the rankings and prepared to take on No. 9 Washington. It proved to be one of the Huskers' best games all season and the only one in which Newcombe and I-back **DeAngelo Evans** were able to shine. Nebraska stomped Washington 55-7 in Lincoln as **Newcombe** (79) and **Evans** (146) combined for six TDs (three each) and 225 rushing yards. Rush end **Chad Kelsay** was the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week as he had a sack, one of three Husker interceptions, three tackles and helped hold UW quarterback Brock Huard to 160 yards passing (32-18-2, 1 TD). Overall, the defense capitalized on Husky mistakes, converting five of six turnovers into touchdowns (34 points). The 48-point margin marked the largest in school history over an AP top 10 team.

The Huskers opened Big 12 Conference action at Arrowhead Stadium against Oklahoma State. It took a defensive stand at the end of the game and a touchdown-saving tackle by rush end **Mike Rucker** to post a 24-17 win. The Husker offense struggled, as **Evans** was the leading rusher with 41 of NU's season-low 73 rushing yards. **Walker's** 73-yard punt return with a little more than seven minutes remaining proved to be the winning score. **Brown** had a season-long 48 yard field goal. NU cornerback **Erwin Swiney** and linebacker **Tony Ortiz** posted career highs with 14 tackles each. **Crouch** suffered a hip pointer and would miss the next three games. **Evans** suffered a bruised tailbone which would keep him out of the last six games.

Nebraska's first conference road game of the season and first-ever league matchup with Texas A&M found the Huskers flat as No. 18 A&M defeated No. 2 Nebraska, 28-21, in College Station. The win ended the Huskers' 19-game winning streak and 40-game regular-season conference winning streak. NU had two turnovers to A&M's one and the Huskers did not capitalize on cornerback

Ralph Brown's 43-yard interception return. The combination of **Newcombe** and sophomore split end **Matt Davison** almost brought the Huskers to victory as Newcombe completed 15 of 27 passes for a career-best 204 yards and Davision had a school-record 167 receiving yards on 10 catches. NU held A&M to just 2-8 passing but allowed a season-high 259 yards rushing, despite a career-high 11-tackle effort by **Kelsay**.

The Huskers played well after losses in 1998 and roared back to shut out Kansas at home 41-0. Nebraska pounded out a season-high 466 yards rushing, led by **Buckhalter's** 133 yards and two TDs and **Dan Alexander's** 90.

The Nebraska-Missouri contest on Oct. 24 proved to be just as exciting as the 1997 version as NU came from behind in the second half to win 20-13. Walk-on **Monte Christo** replaced Newcombe at quarterback and rallied NU from a 10-point second half deficit, to post NU's second win over a ranked opponent as MU entered ranked No. 19 by AP. **Buckhalter** rushed for his third 100-yard game of the season with 125 yards, while Christo had a career-best 67 yards and two TDs. Linebacker **Jay Foreman** led the defense with 13 tackles.

Unranked Texas handed No. 7 Nebraska a Halloween upset in Lincoln, ending a 47-game home winning streak with a 20-16 win. The loss overshadowed a great defensive performance against Heisman Trophy frontrunner Ricky Williams (37-150-0, 4.1 ypc) and a career-best individual performance by rover **Mike Brown** who had 19 tackles. Texas took a 10-0 lead before NU kicked a field goal in the second quarter and scored the first 10 points of the third quarter to take a 13-10 lead. UT's Kris Stockton hit his second field goal of the game and NU's **Brown** hit his third, but in the last few minutes, Texas drove 85 yards to take the final lead as Major Applewhite hit Wane McGarity for the wining TD with 2:47 remaining. Applewhite completed 14 of 25 passes for 269 yards. **Crouch** was NU's leading rusher with 108 yards and a TD. It was Nebraska's first loss at home to an unranked team since 1978.

Again the Huskers rebounded from a loss with a stellar performance at Iowa State in snowy conditions. NU won 42-7 behind a great performance by **Alexander**, who in his first start had a career-best day with 22 carries for 110 yards and three TDs. **Crouch** followed with 91 yards. Free safety **Clint Finley,** who missed the first three games with a knee injury, had two interceptions and **Walker** returned one for 65 yards which gave him touchdown returns on the season in three categories (punt, kickoff, interception) to tie an NCAA record held by five others. **Ortiz** had four tackles for loss and NU converted three of four turnovers into touchdowns.

Nebraska played one of its better games of the season at Manhattan against No. 2/1 (AP/Coaches) Kansas State, but the Wildcats held on for a 40-30 win, their first victory over the Huskers in 30 years. KSU quarterback Michael Bishop had four fumbles in the game, but rushed for 140 yards and two TDs and completed 19 of 33 passes for 306 yards, two scores and one interception (by freshman **Keyou Craver**). **Crouch** had his second 100-yard rushing day with 108 yards and tight end **Sheldon Jackson** caught two touchdown passes (4-48 on the day) from Crouch. **Kris Brown's** school-record string of 125 consecutive PATs ended after NU's last TD, but he hit on a field goal and tied the NCAA record for PATs made in a career (216). **Ralph Brown** returned a fumble 74 yards for a TD and **Mike Brown** and **Foreman** led the team with 12 and 10 tackles, respectively.

Nebraska finished the regular season at home with a 16-14 win over Colorado on Nov. 27. **Brown** had three field goals in the game and **Finley** scored on a 42-yard interception return as NU won a game without scoring an offensive touchdown for the first time in modern history (since at least 1961). The Blackshirts sacked CU's Mike Moschetti six times and forced three turnovers. The win extended Nebraska's streak of consecutive seasons with at least nine wins to 30.

Nebraska finished second in the Big 12 North Division behind Kansas State and went 2-2 vs. ranked teams. Nebraska was forced to utilize three different starters at both quarterback and I-back this season (five differing starting combinations) due to injuries which have kept out nine different starters for 45 games, including NU's starting quarterback and I-back at the beginning of the season.

Injuries Hamper Productive Season

The injury bug made its rounds through the Husker squad this season. Nine would-be starters from the beginning depth chart, missed 45 games. Quarterback **Bobby Newcombe** (PCL tear) remains doubtful, while I-back **DeAngelo Evans** (bruised tailbone) is probable to play in the bowl game. Evans returned to practice just prior to the K-State game, while Newcombe had not at press time. Junior wingback **Frankie London** is out for season after suffering a compound fracture of his left tibia and fibula when he was fielding his first punt return of the season against Kansas (surgery on Oct. 17 to insert a rod). Senior reserve offensive guard **Brandt Wade** suffered a dislocated patella and an MCL sprain in his left knee vs. OSU and remains doubtful for the bowl game. I-back **Dan Alexander** began the season as NU's No. 3 I-back, moved up to a starting role for the Iowa State game, but suffered a knee injury in the K-State game and will not play in the bowl game. He had surgery on Nov. 17 to repair the lateral collateral ligament in his right knee and to repair a hamstring tendon. The nine different probable starters who have missed a combined total of 45 starts includes: OT **Jeff Clausen**-right knee scope--11, first nine games, last two; IB **DeAngelo Evans**-left knee scope--9, first three games, tailbone--last six; FS **Clint Finley**-left knee strain--first three games; QB **Bobby Newcombe**--left knee PCL tear--6, --second and third game (UAB, California); last four games; DT **Jason Wiltz**-sprained left ankle--UAB and California; WB **Lance Brown**-broken right foot--games 2-7; SLB **Tony Ortiz**-concussion--Washington; SE **Kenny Cheatham**-separated shoulder--A&M, KU and Mizzou; DT **Steve Warren**--back/funeral--KU, Texas. The 45 missed starts by Husker players do not include the four games **Eric Crouch** (current starting QB) missed due to injury (hip pointer), the two missed by **T.J. Debates** (knee injury, DeBates is first-team at TE along with Sheldon Jackson and has started eight games this year when NU opened in a two tight-end set) or **Dan Alexander** who started the Iowa State and K-State games at I-back but is out for the rest of the season (two games) with a knee injury. In the last three years (1995-97), NU had seen just three starters miss a total of six games due to injury. Against Colorado, WLB **Eric Johnson** and MLB **Carlos Polk** each suffered shoulder injuries, but both should play in the bowl game.

1998 Schedule was Strong

Nebraska's 1998 opponents posted a 77-59 this season. In the third year of Big 12 action, Nebraska's 1998 schedule did not include Oklahoma for the first time since 1928. Baylor and Texas Tech also will not face the Huskers until the year 2000 in the Big 12 rotation. New league opponents included Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State. The Huskers, KSU, Texas A&M, Texas and Missouri all finished in the AP top 25. The Big 12 is the nation's top-rated conference according to the most recent Sagarin rating. The Huskers were 2-2 vs. ranked opponents and have a No. 14 strength of schedule ranking in the BCS poll.

Husker Honors and Awards

Three Huskers earned first-team All-Big 12 honors, including one repeat winner--cornerback **Ralph Brown.** Brown and senior center **Josh Heskew** were chosen by the Big 12 Coaches, AP and *Football News,* while senior tight end **Sheldon Jackson** was a first-team selection by the AP. Several Huskers' were up for national honors this season, including **Jay Foreman,** a semifinalist for the Butkus Award; fullback **Joel Makovicka,** Doak Walker Award nominee; and cornerback **Ralph Brown,** a Jim Thorpe Award candidate. Rush end **Mike Rucker** was a preseason All-American, but was injured in the first few games, hurting his numbers. Senior rush end **Chad Kelsay, Makovicka** and punter **Bill Lafleur** were first-team Academic All-America honorees.

Several Huskers to Play in All-Star Games

Numerous Huskers have been invited to play in postseason bowl games and although some decisions are still up in the air, the following is a tentative list. **East-West (San Francisco)**--Jan. 16, Jay Foreman;

Nebraska in Bowl Games

Year	Bowl	Opp.	NU-Opp. AP Rank	Res.	Score:
1941*	Rose	Stanford	7/2	L	13-21
1955*	**Orange**	**Duke**	**--/14**	**L**	**7-34**
(Bob Devaney 6-3)...					
1962	Gotham	Miami	--/--	W	36-34
1964*	**Orange**	**Auburn**	**6/5**	**W**	**13-7**
1965*	Cotton	Arkansas	6/2	L	7-10
1966*	**Orange**	**Alabama**	**3/4**	**L**	**28-39#**
1967*	Sugar	Alabama	6/3	L	7-34
(NCAA-Record 30 Straight Bowls Begin Here...)					
1969	Sun	Georgia	14/--	W	45-6
1971*	**Orange**	**Louisiana St.**	**3/5**	**W**	**17-12**
1972*	**Orange**	**Alabama**	**1/2**	**W**	**38-6#**
(Tom Osborne 12-13)...					
1973*	**Orange**	**Notre Dame**	**9/12**	**W**	**40-6#**
1974*	Cotton	Texas	12/8	W	19-3
1974*	Sugar	Florida	8/18	W	13-10
1975	Fiesta	Arizona St.	6/7	L	14-17
1976	Astro-BB	Texas Tech	13/9	W	27-24
1977	Liberty	No.Carolina	12/14	W	21-17
1979*	**Orange**	**Oklahoma**	**6/4**	**L**	**24-31**
1980*	Cotton	Houston	7/8	L	14-17
1980	Sun	Miss. State	8/17	W	31-17
1982*	**Orange**	**Clemson**	**4/1**	**L**	**15-22#**
1983*	**Orange**	**Louisiana St.**	**3/13**	**W**	**21-20**
1984*	**Orange**	**Miami**	**1/5**	**L**	**30-31#**
1985*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	4/12	W	28-10
1986*	Fiesta	Michigan	7/5	L	23-27
1987*	Sugar	Louisiana St.	6/5	W	30-15
1988*	Fiesta	Florida St.	5/3	L	28-31
1989*	**Orange**	**Miami**	**6/2**	**L**	**3-23**
1990*	Fiesta	Florida St.	6/5	L	17-41
1991*	Citrus	Ga. Tech	19/2	L	21-45#
1992*	**Orange**	**Miami**	**11/1**	**L**	**0-22**
1993*	**Orange**	**Florida St.**	**11/3**	**L**	**14-27**
1994*	**Orange**	**Florida St.**	**2/1**	**L**	**16-18#**
1995*	**Orange**	**Miami**	**1/3**	**W**	**24-17#**
1996*	**Fiesta**	**Florida**	**1/2**	**W**	**62-24#**
1996*	Orange	Virginia Tech	6/10	W	41-21
1998*	**Orange**	**Tennessee**	**2/3**	**W**	**42-17#**
(Frank Solich 0-0)					
1998	Holiday	Arizona	14/5		

NU Bowl Facts

37 Bowls (ranks fifth all time): 18-18
30 Consecutive (since 1969, NCAA record): 16-13
***30 Major Bowls (New Year's Day/Alliance/BCS):** 13-17
Bowl Record Under Coach Solich: First Year
#10 National Championship Bowl Games (for at least one team): 5-5
Bold indicates NU conference champion teams

NU Bowl Notes

Nebraska has won its last four bowls, marking its second-longest bowl winning streak in history (won six straight from 1969-1974). In all but one of the last 13 years, NU has played a team that was ranked no lower than fifth (Virginia Tech was 10th in 1996). Nine of Nebraska's last 11 bowl opponents have been ranked no lower than third (4-5 record in that time). The Huskers' last 28 bowl opponents have been ranked, including 18 in the top 10.

NU in the Bowls

Astro Bluebonnet: 1-0; Cotton: 1-2; Fiesta: 1-4; Fla. Citrus: 0-1; Gotham: 1-0; Liberty: 1-0; Orange: 7-9; Rose: 0-1; Sun: 2-0; Sugar: 3-1

Note: Nebraska has never played in the following bowls--Las Vegas, Alamo, Ford Motor City, Aloha, Insight.com, American General Music City, Micron PC, Humanitarian, Holiday, Peach, Independence, Outback, Gator and Oahu.

Hula Bowl (Honolulu)--Jan. 24, Shevin Wiggins, Kris Brown, Foreman, Josh Heskew; **Senior Bowl (Mobile)**--Jan. 23, Chad Kelsay, Mike Rucker, Jason Wiltz, Kris Brown, Joel Makovicka; **All-Star Gridiron Classic**--Jan. 16, Kris Brown.

The Next Game -- NU vs. Arizona

About the Wildcats

Located in Tucson, Arizona is 11-1 on the season and 7-1 in the Pac 10, losing only to UCLA, 52-28, at home. The Pac-10 runners-up, Arizona posted a school-record 11 wins and its best winning percentage since going 5-0 in 1910. The Wildcats faced two common opponents of the Huskers this season, defeating California in Berkeley, 27-23 (NU won 24-3 at Cal) and Washington, 31-28, in Seattle (NU won 55-7 in Lincoln).

At the Helm of the Wildcats

Arizona is led by veteran coach **Dick Tomey** (DePauw, 1964). Posting a 146-98-7 career record in 22 years, Tomey has been the head coach at Arizona for 12 years (83-52-4 record). He has led his teams to national rankings in eight of his 12 years. Recently, the Wildcats finished 10-2 in 1993, 8-4 in 1994, 6-5 in 1995, 5-6 in 1996 and 7-5 last season. A former head coach at Hawaii (1977-86), Tomey compiled a 63-46-3 record with the Rainbows, before making the move to Arizona in 1987. Tomey is 0-2 against NU, losing as coach of Hawaii in 1978 (56-10 in Lincoln) and in 1982 (37-16 in Hawaii). The Holiday Bowl marks Arizona's seventh bowl under Tomey (3-3 bowl record), 13th in school history (5-7 record) and first Holiday bowl appearance.

The Series

Nebraska and Arizona have met just once, finishing in a 14-14 tie on Sept. 30, in game two of the 1961 season in Lincoln. The Huskers finished 3-6-1 in 1961 under Bill Jennings and Bob Devaney was named head coach after the season. NU is 30-17-3 all-time vs. Pac-10 teams and defeated California (24-3) and Washington (55-7) this season. Arizona is 20-50-6 vs. the Big 12.

Individual Wildcat Leaders

The Wildcats rank among the top 25 in nine of the 12 NCAA statistical categories and no worse than 36th in any area. Offensively, the Wildcats are led by junior tailback **Trung Canidate.** Averaging 111.36 yards per game, Canidate ranks 16th nationally in rushing. He has 1,220 yards on the season with 10 TDs. Other Wildcats ranked among the nation's top 25 include junior wide receiver **Dennis Northcutt**, who ranks 24th in punt returns averaging 11.5 per return (38-437-0) and is also the team leader in kickoff returns (11-219-19.9) and senior cornerback **Chris McAlister**, a Thorpe Award finalist, who is 13th in interceptions with 0.45 per game (5-64-1, like NU's Joe Walker, McAlister has scored on a punt, kickoff and interception return this season). Senior running back **Kelvin Eafon** is second on the team in rushing with 532 yards and leads the team in scoring with 16 rushing TDs. Junior **Keith Smith** and sophomore **Ortege Jenkins** alternate at quarterback. Smith, who generally starts the games, has completed 113-165 passes for 1,732 yards with 13 TDs and seven interceptions, while Jenkins has completed 70 of 142 passes for 1,011 yards and five TDs with four interceptions. Their favorite receivers are **Northcutt** (63-922-6), senior **Jeremy McDaniel** (58-916-9) and junior **Brad Brennan** (15-314-3). Junior place-kicker **Mark McDonald** has hit on 8-17 field goals (long of 45 and is 2-4 on 40 or more yards) and 50-52 PATs. Senior punter **Ryan Springston** averages 41.7 yards per punt with a long of 56. Junior inside linebacker **Marcus Bell** leads the team in tackles with 139 and tackles for loss with 14-51. Defensive tackle **Daniel Greer** leads the team in sacks with 9-68.

How the Two Teams Compare

	Nebraska (9-3)			Arizona (11-1)	
Category	Avg.	Big 12	National Rankings	Avg.	National Rankings
Rushing Offense	**253.8**	**1**	**6**	**213.4**	**14**
Passing Offense	131.2	10	98	**231.5**	**36**
Total Offense	384.9	4	39	**444.9**	**18**
Scoring Offense	**31.9**	**3**	**23**	**34.7**	**15**
Rushing Defense	**116.8**	**2**	**16**	**102.8**	**12**
Pass Eff. Defense	111.6	7	34	**107.8**	**22**
Total Defense	**313.7**	**7**	**22**	334.9	33
Scoring Defense	**15.3**	**3**	**11**	**18.0**	**19**
Net Punting	**39.4**	**2**	**7**	**38.9**	**11**
Punt Returns	**11.5**	**4**	**T25**	**13.0**	**16**
Kickoff Returns	21.0	7	50	22.0	32
Turnover Margin	**+0.75**	**3**	**19**	**+0.83**	**18**

(Bold indicates a mark which ranks in nation's top 25)

Husker Individuals in the Top 30/Big 12:

Individually, the following Huskers rank among the nation's top 30: **Joe Walker...**punt returns, 11.3 ypr (2nd in Big 12, 26th nationally); **Bill Lafleur...**punting, 44.9 ypp (school record, 1st in Big 12, fifth nationally), net punting, 39.4 ypp (seventh in nation). WB **Shevin Wiggins** would rank third in punt return average (16.0 ypr), but does not have the prerequisite minimum of 1.2 returns per game.

Charting the Husker Offense

Husker Offensive Leaders

Injuries to the top two quarterbacks, all three starters at I-back, to the starting split end and wingback, and to the second tight end (Newcombe/Crouch, Evans/Buckhalter/Alexander, Cheatham and Brown, DeBates) have certainly affected the Huskers' offensive output and consistency this season. In fact, Nebraska has started five different QB/IB combinations. However, replacements have performed well.

Sophomore **Correll Buckhalter** finished as the team's leading rusher with 799 yards (5.6 ypc, 66.6 ypg) and eight TDs (tied for team lead with Newcombe's eight TDs), followed by freshman quarterback **Eric Crouch** (459 yards, five TDs, 4.8 ypc, 57.4 ypg) and fullback **Joel Makovicka** (97-458-2). Those three have been the QB/IB/FB combination in three games and figure to enter the bowl game No. 1 at their positions. I-back **Dan Alexander** (70-369-4) was fourth in rushing with 369 yards and four TDs, but is out for the season. This marked the first time NU has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since Ahman Green (917) in 1996 and marked the lowest output by the rushing leader since Monte Anthony led the team with 723 yards in 1975. NU has had a 1,000-yard rusher in 16 of the last 20 years.

Quarterback **Bobby Newcombe,** before sitting out the last four games and possibly the bowl game, had rushed for 228 yards and eight TDs in six games (tied for team lead) and had completed 63.3 percent of his passes for 712 yards and one TD (one interception). His replacement, **Eric Crouch,** has five starts and has completed 48.5 percent of his passes (49-101, 601 yards, 4 interceptions, 4 TDs) and was NU's second leading rusher with 459 yards, finishing first in total offense (1,060). Crouch has led the team to a score on 38 percent of his drives started and has posted two 100-yard rushing days. **Monte Christo** has come off the bench and performed well in a key role. He led the Huskers to the win over No. 19/18 Missouri, playing two series in the first half (NU did not score on his drives), then took the Huskers from a 13-3 deficit to a 20-13 win, starting the second half, before starting against Texas. Christo had 223 yards rushing and three TDs, and 261 yards passing (28-19-0, 67.9 pct.). The last time NU did not have either a 1,000 yard rusher or passer was in 1990 when Leodis Flowers, IB, had 940 yards rushing to lead the team and Mickey Joseph, QB, had 624 yards passing.

Eleven different Huskers have caught passes, led by SE **Matt Davison's** 32-394-0 (only Husker to catch a pass in every game this season), WB **Shevin Wiggins'** 22-326-1, TE **Sheldon Jackson's** 19-343-4, SE **Kenny Cheatham's** 13-155-1 and IB **Correll Buckhalter's** 13-88-0. Nebraska finished ranked sixth nationally and first in the Big 12 in rushing averaging 253.8 ypg, the lowest for NU since 1978 (219.8). NU also ranked 23rd in scoring (31.9 ppg), lowest since 1981 (31.7) and 39th in total offense (384.9 ypg), lowest since 1969 (371.8). However, NU's passing yards per game improved to 131.2, 10 yards per game better than 1997 and the best since 156.5 in 1995.

Huskers Rely on 10 Different Starters at Four Key Offensive Skill Positions

Nebraska has had to rely on 10 different starters at four of the six offensive skill positions this season. Three different Huskers have started games at I-back and three different starters have gotten the nod at quarterback, including walk-on Monte Christo. A total of 24 games have been missed by the season's projected starters at I-back, quarterback, split end and wingback (see chart at right). Nebraska's projected starters at I-back (DeAngelo Evans) and quarterback (Bobby Newcombe), who combined for 225 yards and six TDs rushing in game four vs. No. 9 Washington, remain questionable for the bowl game. Tight end has been secure under the leadership of senior **Sheldon Jackson**, but his backup and co-starter in eight games, **T.J. DeBates,** missed two games with a knee injury suffered against Texas.

Tracking Nebraska's Starters at 4 of the 6 Offensive Skill Positions

Opponent	SE	QB	IB	WB
La. Tech	Cheatham	Newcombe	Buckhalter	DeBates*
UAB	Cheatham	Crouch	Buckhalter	DeBates*
California	Cheatham	Crouch	Buckhalter	Wiggins
Washington	DeBates*	Newcombe	Evans	Wiggins
Okla. State	Cheatham	Newcombe	Evans	Wiggins
Texas A&M	Davison	Newcombe	Evans	Wiggins
Kansas	Davison	Newcombe	Buckhalter	DeBates*
Missouri	Davison	Newcombe	Buckhalter	DeBates*
Texas	DeBates*	Christo	Buckhalter	L. Brown
Iowa State	Cheatham	Crouch	Alexander	Wistrom*
Kansas State	Cheatham	Crouch	Alexander	L. Brown
Colorado	Cheatham	Crouch	Buckhalter	DeBates*

*-opened in two tight-end formation;

Note: Sheldon Jackson has started every game at tight end and Joel Makovicka has started 11 of 12 games at fullback

A Look at the Defense

Big Plays a Nemesis for Husker "D"

The Huskers have given up six long scoring plays this season, five of those by pass (three by La Tech, one by OSU, one by A&M) and one long-play fumble return (by Mizzou). All were at least 41 yards with the longest being a 94-yard pass by La Tech. Nebraska has allowed 29 long plays from scrimmage (25 yards or more) on the season, but only four by rush. Ten of those came in NU's three losses, as Texas A&M used three long plays to set up three TDs, Texas had four big plays from scrimmage, and K-State had three. Counting returns, the Huskers have given up 42 long plays. The Husker offense has scored on 11 long plays, including two by pass, five by rush, and five by return (Joe Walker--one each, kickoff, punt and interception; Ralph Brown--a 74-yard fumble return; Clint Finley--a 42-yard interception return). NU has had 45 total long plays, including 29 from scrimmage and 16 by return.

Against the Run

The Huskers rank 16th in the country against the rush allowing an average of 116.8 yards per game (most since 143.7 in 1993) and have held five of 12 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing including a season best of -21 by Louisiana Tech (also 12 by California, 97 by Washington, 99 by Kansas and 77 by Missouri; note--ISU had 0 yards rushing after three quarters but finished with 103). Texas A&M rushed for a season-best 259 yards, and only the Aggies and K-State (206) rushed for more than 200 yards. Coach Solich is 5-0 when the Blackshirts hold the opponent to 100 or less and 0-2 when allowing 200 or more on the ground. The defense has given up eight rushing TDs in 12 games and four long rushes of 25 yards or more (all in losses, two by Texas A&M, one by Texas, one by K-State). This marks the first time in five years that NU has allowed more than 100 yards rushing per game, but NU has continued the five-year streak of ending the season ranked among the nation's top 25 against the rush, finishing 16th.

Husker "D" Has Converted TOs to 109 Points

The Husker defense has been productive in its first 12 games. NU has converted 18 of the opponent's 27 turnovers into 14 TDs and four field goals for 109 points (including 34 vs. Washington, 21 vs. Iowa State and 17 vs. Kansas State). In addition, Husker special teams have scored twice, thanks to kickoff and punt return TDs by rover **Joe Walker** and the Husker defense scored TDs on two interceptions (Walker and Finley) and one fumble return (Brown), scoring once in each of the last three

Nebraska in National Rankings

Date	AP	C	BC	1st	Results
Pre.	4	3		4/12	--
Aug. 30	--	--		--	Def. La Tech 56-27
Sept. 6	4	3		2/8	Def. UAB 38-7
Sept. 13	3	3		1/7	Def. Cal 24-3
Sept. 20	2	2		1/7	Idle
Sept. 27	2	2		7/15	Def. No.9 Wash.,55-7
Oct. 4	2	2		1/6	Def. Okla. St., 24-17
Oct. 11	8	8		-/-	Lost to No. 18/18 Texas A&M, 21-28
Oct. 18	7	7		-/-	Def. KU, 41-0
Oct. 25	7	7	6	-/-	Def. No. 19/18 Missouri, 20-13
Nov. 1	14	15	12	-/-	Lost to Texas 20-16
Nov. 8	11	11	11	-/-	Def. ISU, 42-7
Nov. 15	17	19	12	-/-	Lost to No. 2/1 KSU 40-30 in Manhattan
Nov. 22	14	17	12	-/-	idle
Nov. 29	13	17	11	-/-	def. Colorado, 16-14
Dec. 6	14	16	11	-/-	idle

Tops in the '90s

1. Florida State ..... 97-12-1 ..... .886
2. **Nebraska ..... 96-14-1 ..... .869**
3. Florida ..... 92-18-1 ..... .833

Consecutive Winning Seasons Current -- 15 or More

Team:	Winning Seasons:	9-Win Seasons:
1. Nebraska	**37**	**30**
2. Florida State	22	12
Washington	22	--
4. Florida	18	8

Consecutive Winning Seasons All-time Division I-A

1. Notre Dame (1889-1932)	42
2. Alabama (1911-50)	38
3. Nebraska (1962-96)	**37**

The Nation's All-Time Home Winning Streaks

Team	No.	Years
1. Miami	58	1985-94
2. Alabama	57	1963-82
3. Harvard	56	1890-95
4. Michigan	50	1901-07
5. Nebraska	**47**	**1991-98+**
6. Texas	42	1968-76
7. Notre Dame	40	1907-18
8. Notre Dame	38	1919-287
9. Yale	37	1904-08
Yale	37	1900-03
11. Nebraska	**33**	**1901-06**
Harvard	33	1900-03

*current streak leads nation
+ ended by Texas on Oct. 31, 1998

games. Walker and Finley have three interceptions each to lead the team. Walker returned a 65-yard pickoff for a TD vs. Iowa State and Finley had a 42-yard TD return on a pickoff vs. Colorado. **Jason Wiltz** holds the school record for interceptions by a defensive lineman in a season with two (would have been three if not for a roughing the passer penalty which negated his interception vs. Oklahoma State) and lineman **Steve Warren** finished one short of the NU lineman record for pass breakups with four. Eight different Huskers have combined for 14 pickoffs (242 yards returned) this season and NU has broken up 58 passes. Right cornerback **Ralph Brown** set the school record with 14 breakups, while **Erwin Swiney,** at the opposite corner, tied Barron Miles previous record of 13 (in 1994). Brown also had two interceptions for 60 yards this season, en route to earning third-team All-America honors (by *Football News*). Rush ends **Chad Kelsay** and **Mike Rucker** combined for seven forced fumbles this season (team-leading four by Rucker), and the Huskers recovered 13 of the 19 forced. Kelsay led the team in tackles for loss with 14-52 and in quarterback hurries with 13. He finished with five sacks and third on the team in tackles with 72. Junior Will linebacker **Eric Johnson** is second to Kelsay in tackles for loss with 11-52 and led the team in sacks with 6-41, while sophomore DT **Loran Kaiser** had 10-27 TFL and was second on the team in sacks with 5.5 of the team's 33 sacks. **Mike Brown**, who has played both free safety and rover, led the team in tackles with 102 (including a career-best and team season-best 19 against Texas), followed by Mike linebacker **Jay Foreman** with 97. Foreman was a Butkus semifinalist and had 7-27 TFL, three sacks, four breakups and six quarterback hurries. RE **Mike Rucker** was injured in NU's first four games, but came back to rank seventh on the team in tackles with 53 and had 9-21 TFL. Head Coach Frank Solich said of his senior rush ends, *"Both finished the season very strong and showed great leadership. Kelsay definitely has had an outstanding season, and I believed was worthy of Big 12 Conference and All-America honors. He played well in every game. Rucker had the injuries early and has had to battle back, but had a great game to finish off his season. Our seniors overall showed great leadership and the others followed suit."*

Defensive/Special Teams Turnovers/Scoring

(*indicates TD scored on play, + indicates TD scored on NU's subsequent offensive drive):

	Interceptions	Fumble Recoveries	KO Return TDs	Punt Return TDs
La Tech	Wiltz, 27 yards		**Walker, 99 yards***	
UAB				
California	Polk, 16 yards+ M.Brown, 1 yard			
Washington	Wiltz, 5 yards+ Walker, 0 yards+ Kelsay, 0 yards+	Swiney, 0 yards+ Warren, 0 yards Reynolds, 0 yards+		
Okla. State				**Walker,73yards***
A&M	R.Brown, 43 yards			
Kansas	Walker, 0 yards	Foreman, 0 yards+ M.Brown, 26 yards+		
Missouri		Kaiser, 0 yards (FG)		
Texas	R.Brown, 17 yards			
Iowa State	Finley, 21 yards+ Finley, 0 yards **Walker, 65 yards***	Kohl, 1 yard+		
Kansas St.	Craver, 0 yards	Kaiser, 0 yards+ Finley, 0 yards (FG) Polk, 0 yards **R. Brown, 74 yards***		
Colorado	**Finley, 42 yards***	Kelsay, 0 yards Slechta, 0 yards (FG)		

Against the Pass

The Huskers allowed 196.8 yards per game via the pass, and finished with a No. 34 ranking in pass efficiency defense with a 111.6 rating, aided by 14 interceptions. The Huskers put themselves in a hole early, allowing Louisiana Tech to post opponent school passing records against the Husker "D," completing 46-68 passes for 590 yards and four TDs in the air. Nebraska put the clamps on and held its next seven opponents to 939 yards passing (134.1 per game) holding three of those teams to less than 100 yards in the air (UAB 56, A&M 93, Missouri 89). NU gave up just three TDs via the pass and allowed those seven opponents to complete just 42 percent of their passes (71-168), picking off seven in that stretch. NU held three consecutive opponents (No. 6-8, A&M, Kansas and Missouri) to 303 yards (18-52, 34 percent), but in the last four games (Texas, Iowa State, Kansas State, Colorado), Nebraska gave up 833 yards and six TDs (57-111, 51 percent).

On Third and Fourth Down

On the season, Husker opponents converted 34.4 percent of their third downs (63-183). The Husker offense converted 40.8 percent on the season (67-164). After NU's first four opponents--La Tech, UAB, California and Washington combined to convert 55.6 percent of third downs (30-54), including a season opponent-best 64 percent by UAB (9-14), the Huskers clamped down and limited its last eight opponents to 33 percent (37-112), including a Husker defensive best of 26.7 percent by Texas (4-15). Fourth-down defense has not been as effective, allowing opponents to convert 65.4 percent (17-26), compared to 63 percent by Nebraska (12-19).

It's Their Specialty

Place-kicker **Kris Brown,** punter **Bill Lafleur,** rover **Joe Walker** and wingback **Shevin Wiggins** have combined to give the Huskers an 8.2 yard advantage on starting field position. Lafleur averaged a school-record and Big 12-leading 44.9 yards per punt compared to opponent's 40.6 and has pinned opponents inside their 20, 41 times (including 31 touchbacks). His long was 64 vs. Missouri. The senior walk-on averaged at least 40 yards per punt in eight of 12 games this year with a best of 51.0 vs. Colorado. He ranked first in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in punting (seventh in net punting, 39.4 ypp), yet only earned third team All-Big 12 honors by the coaches and AP. Lafluer had 14 punts of 50 yards or more, including two vs. Colorado. Kris Brown had 30 touchbacks and only 21 of his 67 kickoffs were brought past the 25-yard line. Walker led the team in punt returns (25-283-11.3) and kickoff returns (17-366-21.5) and interceptions (3-65) with one TD in each category (ties NCAA record). Wiggins is second to Walker in both kick return categories (9-144-16.0 in punt returns, 10-224-22.4 in kickoff returns). Walker ranks second in the Big 12 and 26th nationally in punt returns, while Wiggins would rank third nationally in punt returns if he had the prerequisite 1.2 returns per game. NU has had more than 100 yards in kick returns in four games this season with a best of 187 vs. Louisiana Tech. Nebraska had 11 individual kick returns of 25 yards or more in 12 games, including five each by Walker (3 KOR, 2 PR) and Wiggins (3 KOR, 2 PR).

Record-Setters

Nine Huskers put their names in the Husker record books this season, including:

Kris Brown, PK-- Brown has several school season and career records. In the UAB game, he broke the school career record for points scored (previous record 312 by Mike Rozier, 1981-83)...now has 388 in his career to rank seventh all time in NCAA Division I-A (first in Big Eight Conference). Brown owns six season records and six other career records. His career records in addition to points scored, include: field goals made and attempted (57-77) and PATs made and attempted (217-222). **He broke the NCAA record for PATs made and tied the record for PAT attempts** (both were held by Derek Mahoney, Fresno State, 1990-93, 216-222). He also holds school records for consecutive field goals made (17, ended at Cal) and consecutive PATs made (125, ended at KSU).

Jason Wiltz, DT--School season defensive tackle record for most interceptions in a season with two (1-27 vs. Louisiana Tech, 1-5 vs. Washington) (previous record 1, held by 15 others).

Matt Davison, SE--School record for most reception yards in a game with 167 vs. Texas AM (on 10 catches) (previous record 166 yards by Chuck Malito vs. Hawaii, 1976). He ranks 10th on the Husker season reception list with 32-394. Davison is the first Husker to catch a pass in every game since wingback Jon Vedral accomplished the feat in 1995. On the Husker career charts he ranks 25th in receptions (43), tied for 30th in reception yards per catch (14.5) and 31st in receiving yards (626).

Joe Walker, Rover--Walker entered the NCAA record books on Nov. 7 after returning an interception 65 yards for a TD against Iowa State. Walker already had a 99-yard kickoff return TD vs. Louisiana Tech (Aug. 29) and a 73-yard punt return TD vs. Oklahoma State (Oct. 3), giving him a return TD in all three categories this season. He is one of just six players in Division IA (first ever at NU) to have at least one TD on the season in all three categories (punt, kickoff and interception) joining Joe Crocker, Virginia, 1994; Scott Thomas, Air Force, 1985; Mark Haynes, Arizona State; Dick Harris, South Carolina, 1970; and Arizona's Chris McAlister, 1998. Walker is just the third Husker player since 1949 to return a punt and a kickoff for a TD in the same season. He is the first to accomplish the feat since Johnny Rodgers in 1971 (also Ron Clark in 1949). He owns the school career record for being the only Husker to have a punt return TD, kickoff return TD and interception return TDs in his career (in addition to above, he also had a 71-yard pickoff TD vs. KSU in 1997). With 366 kickoff return yards, Walker finishes sixth on the NU season chart (also holds fourth with 389 in 1997) and ranks ninth in punt return yards with 283.

Joel Makovicka, FB--Husker fullback record for TDs in a career with 13 (previous record 12 by Tom Rathman, 1981-85, and Bill Thornton, 1960-62). "Mak" is third on the NU career fullback rushing list with 1,447 yards and ranks 28th on the NU all-time all-position career chart.

Bobby Newcombe, QB--single-game school record for total offense attempts with 50 vs. Texas A&M (previous record 49 by John Bordogna, at Iowa State, Nov. 10, 1951).

Ralph Brown, RCB--Brown broke the school record for most pass breakups in a season with 14 in 1998 (betters Barron Miles' 13 in 1994). He now has 35 in his career, extending his NU career record.

Erwin Swiney, LCB--tied the old school record for most pass breakups in a season with 13 (ties Barron Miles, 13 in 1994), but finished one behind teammate Ralph Brown who had 14.

Bill Lafleur, Punter--broke the school season punting record with a 44.9 average. He bettered 1996 NU punter Jesse Kosch, who finished with a 44.7 average. With 52 punts for 2,337 yards, Lafleur was one off the school season record for most punts (53 by Mike Stigge in 1992). Although his career average is better than school record holder Jesse Kosch (41.92, 1994-97), Lafleur does not meet the minimum of 60 punts as he only punted four times (for 165 yards) before this season giving him 56 punts for 2,502 yards (44.7 average) in his career.

Huskers Continue Academic Tradition

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in GTE/CoSIDA academic All-Americans for all sports all teams (161) and in first-team winners for all sports (93) and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 55 first-team certificates and 71 overall. The 161 is 54 better than second-place Notre Dame while the 55 is 17 more than second-place Notre Dame. This year, Nebraska continued its streak of 13-straight years with at least one first-team GTE/CoSIDA All-American with three first-team honorees and one second-team selection, marking the fifth time NU has had three selections (also in 1979, 1981, 1990 and 1993). This season, fullback **Joel Makovicka** was a repeat winner, and rush end **Chad Kelsay** and punter **Bill Lafleur** also earned first-team honors. Linebacker **Brian Shaw**, who posts a perfect 4.0, was named to the second team. NU had 18 Huskers qualify academically (3.2 or better cumulative GPA) and athletically (starter or important reserve) and saw five named to the All-District VII team including Kelsay, Makovicka, Lafleur, Shaw and offensive lineman **Ben Gessford**. On the Big 12 academic first-team, the Huskers led all conference schools with 22 first-team members. Texas Tech was second with 14. Another six were named to the honorable-mention team, giving NU a conference-leading 28 team members. For a complete listing of the academic All-Big 12 team, please see page 37 of this guide.

NU First in Graduation Rates

In numbers released on Nov. 10, the Huskers top the Big 12 in another category--graduation rates. For the third consecutive year, the Husker football team led the Big 12 Conference in the four-class (1988-1991) overall graduation rate as well as the African-American rate (64 percent). Nebraska's 66 percent (up from 63 percent last year) football graduation rate is the highest in school history and the Big 12 Conference. Nebraska's

Huskers Lead Nation in Academics

◆ Nebraska leads the nation in all sports and in football first-team GTE Academic All-Americans with 93 and 55, respectively.

◆ Across all teams and all sports, NU leads the nation with 161 first, second- and third-team GTE Academic All-Americans, 54 more than second-place Notre Dame.

◆ Nebraska has produced 55 first-team football GTE Academic All-Americans, 17 more than second-place Notre Dame. Only three schools have produced more than 25 first-team football academic All-Americans.

◆ Joel Makovicka, Chad Kelsay and Bill Lafleur were first-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in 1998, keeping alive NU's 13-year streak of at least one first-team honoree.

◆ Nine Husker football players have received the NCAA's highest honor for student-athletes--selection as one of Today's Top Eight, including Grant Wistrom in 1997. That's the most for any individual sport program in the country.

18 Nominated for GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Honors

In 1998, 18 Huskers were nominated for Academic All-America honors. In order to qualify for GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, a player must be a second-year player, post a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher, and must be a starter or key reserve on the team. Of the Huskers' 18 nominations, 11 play a starting role on the team. Five Huskers earned District VII honors, the most in the district.

First-Team Academic All-Americans:

Player	Yr.	Pos.	GPA	Major
Chad Kelsay	**Sr.**	**RE**	**3.626**	**Finance**
Bill Lafleur	**Sr.**	**P**	**3.515**	**History**
J. Makovicka	**Sr.**	**FB**	**3.827**	**Bio. Sciences**
Second-Team Academic All-American:				
***Brian Shaw**	**Jr.**	**SLB**	**4.0**	**Animal Science**
All-District VII Winner:				
Ben Gessford	**Sr.**	**OG**	**3.548**	**Psychology**
Nominees:				
Player	Yr.	Pos.	GPA	Major
Sean Applegate	Jr.	WB	3.317	Pre-Education
Kris Brown	**Sr**	**PK**	**3.446**	**Social Sciences**
+Lance Brown	**Sr.**	**WB**	**3.76**	**Management**
Mike Brown	**Jr.**	**Rov.**	**3.225**	**Business Admin.**
Monte Christo	Sr.	QB	3.681	Biological Sciences
Matt Davison	**So.**	**SE**	**3.64**	**General Studies**
T.J. DeBates	Jr.	TE	3.649	Fisheries/Wildlife
Adam Julch	**Jr.**	**OT**	**3.268**	**Math**
Billy Legate	Sr.	FB	3.421	Pre-Education
J. Sherman	**Jr.**	**OG**	**3.236**	**Criminal Just.**
+Travis Toline	Sr.	RE	3.637	Mech. Engineering
K.Vanden Bosch	So.	RE	3.543	General Studies
Brandt Wade	Sr.	OG	3.482	Biological Sciences

* perfect 4.0; + graduate; boldface indicates starters

Nine to Play in Bowl Game With Degrees in Hand

Nine Huskers will play in the Holiday Bowl with degree in hand, including two Huskers who graduated before the season even started. Wingback **Lance Brown** received his degree in business management in December, 1997, and rush end **Travis Toline** earned his degree in mechanical engineering in May, 1998. Seven Huskers graduated on Dec. 19, including **Monte Christo, Jay Foreman, Josh Heskew, Quint Hogrefe, Brian Morro, Mike Rucker** and **Brandt Wade.**

64 percent football African-American graduation rate is also the highest graduation mark in the history of Nebraska football and the Big 12 Conference. The NU football rate was higher than the national average for all football student-athletes (52 percent), for African-American football student-athletes (43), for students (56 percent) and for all student-athletes (58 percent). Nebraska's 66 percent ranked fifth among the football schools in the most recent Coaches Poll Top 25. Nebraska's student-athlete graduation rate for all sports, which includes only those students who completed their eligibility at NU, is an outstanding 86 percent.

Graduation Rates

Big 12 Four-Year (1988-91) Football Graduation Rates (Nov. 10, 1998, source--NCAA)

1. Nebraska	**66**		7. Oklahoma	43
2. Iowa State	60		8. Kansas State	42
Baylor	60		Colorado	42
4. Missouri	56		10. Oklahoma St.	41
Texas	56		11. Kansas	40
6. Texas Tech	46		12. Texas A&M	37

Husker Notes

Huskers Post Second Best Record in '90s

With three national championships, there's no doubt that the Nebraska Cornhuskers are the team of the '90s. Nebraska's 69-6 six-year run is not only impressive, but unprecedented as well. No other Division I team had won 46 games over any four-year period, except Nebraska from 1993 to 96 (47-3). Then the Huskers posted a perfect 13-0 record last season, to better their own NCAA four-year record (49-2) and to record the best five-year total in NCAA history (60-3). The run began with the 1993 season that culminated in a national championship bout with Florida State. The Huskers lost 18-16 on a missed field goal, but followed with three perfect seasons in four years, including last year when Nebraska defeated Tennessee, 42-17, for the school's fifth national championship and third in four years. NU posts a 96-14-1 record in the '90s for an .869 winning percentage, which is second only to Florida State (97-12-1, .886). Nebraska had the best record in the '80s with a 103-20-0 (.837) mark, and ranked fifth in the '70s with a 98-20-4 record.

In the past six years, the Huskers have...

- Three national championships (1994, 1995, 1997)
- Won 69 of 75 games (69-6)
- Four conference crowns
- A 38-1 home record
- A 42-3 regular-season conference record

Nebraska Tradition Established by Devaney

Retiring as the winningest active coach in the nation, Tom Osborne took over a program firmly entrenched in solid ground in 1973, when Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney named Osborne as his successor. Devaney posted a 101-20-2 record in his 11 years at Nebraska, won two national championships (1970 and 1971) and was the winningest active coach in the nation upon his retirement in 1972 (136-30-7, .806 career record including 35-10-5 at Wyoming). Devaney established more than just a football program at Nebraska. Under his leadership as Nebraska's Director of Athletics (1967-92), Nebraska won 11 national championships. The Huskers have gone on to win the conference all-sports championship for the past 19 years. Osborne followed suit and was selected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame shortly after he announced his retirement. He was inducted on Dec. 8, 1998. Osborne retired as the nation's winningest active coach, posting a 255-49-3 record (.836). Solich has big shoes to fill, but also benefits from a program that has been securely in place among the nation's best for four decades. Among all divisions of coaches with career winning percentages of .800 or better over a span of at least 10 years, Osborne finished as the fifth winningest coach in Division I-A history, while the late Devaney is not far behind at No. 11.

Assistants Boast 135 Years of Combined Experience

One very good reason Coach Solich was named as Osborne's replacement was to keep the current staff intact. Director of Athletics Bill Byrne saw that much of Nebraska's success should be attributed to its assistants, who post 135 years of combined experience at NU (counting 1998) and have participated in 135 bowl games. Counting 1998, Head Coach **Frank Solich** is in his 20th year; defensive backs coach **George Darlington** is the veteran assistant and has been with the program 26 years; offensive line coach **Milt Tenopir** is in his 25th year; defensive coordinator and defensive line coach **Charlie McBride** is in his 22nd year; offensive line and kickers coach **Dan Young** is in his 16th; receivers coach **Ron Brown** is in his 12th;

quarterbacks coach **Turner Gill** is in his seventh; linebackers coach **Craig Bohl** is in his fourth; rush ends coach **Nelson Barnes** is in his second year and running backs coach **Dave Gillespie** is in his first year.

NU Continues Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's seventh winningest program all time, boasts a 731-295-40 record in 1,066 games (.705) all time. In the last 29 years, NU is tops, winning 297-54-5 for an .841 winning percentage (356 games), an average of 10 wins per year. In terms of wins, the Huskers are third in NCAA Division I-A history with 731. Coach Tom Osborne carried on where legendary Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney left off. Devaney and Osborne were the third Division I coaching duo to post back-to-back 100-win careers at the same institution (following Penn State's Rip Engle and Joe Paterno and Georgia Tech's John Heisman, Bill Alexander and Bobby Dodd), but were the first pair to do so in an unbelievable 21 years. Since 1962, Devaney and Osborne had a combined 356-69-5 record for an incredible .834 winning percentage (36 years, 430 games). NU won 10-or-more games 19 times in that span, gone undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, been in nine national title games and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 10 times (eight under Osborne), including 1970 (11-0-1), 1971 (13-0-0), 1982 (12-1-0), 1983 (12-1-0), 1988 (11-2-0), 1993 (11-1-0), 1994 (13-0-0), 1995 (12-0-0), 1996 (11-2), 1997 (13-0) and won 11 or more in each of the last five years. NU has won 12 or more games six times (five under Osborne); and 13 or more three times (in 1971, 1994 and 1997). No one can match Nebraska's current 37-year winning season streak, or its 30-year nine-win streak, and by the same token, no other school has averaged 10 wins per season over the last 26 years. Nebraska's 37 years of winning records is third all time behind Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932) and Alabama's 38 (1911-50). By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the '60s (.712); 98-20-4 in the '70s (.820, fifth nationally); 103-20-0 in the '80s (.837, first) and are 96-14-1 in the '90s (.869, second). This season's 9-3 record marks the first time Nebraska has lost three games in the same season since 1992; the first time NU has lost three regular-season games since 1977 and the first time NU lost three conference games since 1976.

Happy at Home

Nebraska opened its season at home in 1997 with a 59-14 win against Akron. That win was Nebraska's 300th home win in Memorial Stadium, dating back to when it was built in 1923. Since 1980, Nebraska has not lost more than one home game in a season since a 5-2 home record in 1980. The Huskers are 436-122-20 (.772, 578 games) in Lincoln, 311-99-13 (.751, 423 games, 76 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 6-1 at home under Coach Solich. **NU is 69-3 at home the last 11 years,** losing to two teams who went on to win a share of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991, and to Texas in 1998). Since 1980, the Huskers are 113-10 at Memorial Stadium, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Included in that stretch are three of the six longest home winning streaks in school history, including a school-record 47-game streak, a 19-game streak from 1988 to 1990 and 21 straight from 1981 to 1984. Nebraska's 47-game home winning streak ended Oct. 31, 1998, with a 20-16 loss to Texas. That streak was the nation's longest and ranks fifth all time. Nebraska also had a 33-game home winning streak from 1901-1906 (which is tied for the 11th-longest streak in Division I-A). Since 1986 (13 years), NU is 81-5 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado, Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas. Those five teams posted a combined mark of 53-6-1 in their respective seasons. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (188 games). NU has posted 37 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

In the 227-Game Consecutive Sellout Streak

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium boasts an NCAA-record 227 consecutive sellouts, dating back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). **NU is 201-26 during the 227 sellouts** (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 6-1 under Solich). The mark includes a 33-18 record against ranked teams. NU is 4-0 in the four milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th and 200th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994, for the 200th sellout. NU's 227 sellouts rank ahead of Notre Dame (136) and Penn State (41, numbers from 1997).

AP Poll Record Streak Hits 290

Nebraska extended its AP Poll record to 290 consecutive weeks (every weekly AP Poll since Oct. 17, 1981). Nebraska's nation-leading streak of consecutive weeks in the AP top 10 ended with the Texas loss at 96, but NU has been ranked in the top 10 for 96 of the 101 weeks from the 1993 preseason poll to date. Nebraska was ranked No. 1 by AP eight weeks in 1994, seven in 1995, the first five weeks in 1996, three weeks in 1997 and a total of 61 times in the history of the poll, which began in 1936. Before last season, the Huskers were last ranked No. 1 for 12 consecutive weeks spanning the 1995-96 seasons (Oct. 29, 1995 after a 44-21 win over No. 7 Colorado, until Sept. 22, 1996 after a 19-0 loss to Arizona State). After a 14-week hiatus, NU returned to No. 1 on Oct. 19, 1997, where it has been for at least a couple of weeks in each of the past five seasons (1993-97). In 1993, NU was No. 1 by the coaches for three weeks, but never higher than No. 2 in AP, but in each of the last four years, NU has been No. 1 by AP for at least two weeks. Its two streaks of 15 consecutive weeks being ranked No. 1 (1970-72, and entire 1983 season) still rank in a tie for third. The Huskers have played in 47 games as the No. 1 AP team (40-6-1). NU's No. 4 preseason AP ranking in 1998 marked the 23rd time in the last 26 years that NU has opened the season in the top 10. NU was the preseason No. 1 team in 1965, 1972, 1976, 1983 and 1996. **Nebraska has been in 464 of the last 467 AP polls since 1969**, missing one week in 1977 and two in 1981. NU is also the nation's most successful program based on rankings, scoring 311 points to outdistance second-place Alabama (259).

Against Associated Press Ranked Teams

Nebraska is 82-86-3 (.488, 171 games) all time vs. ranked opponents. **Over the last six seasons, the Huskers have gone 20-4 against ranked foes,** losing only to No. 1-ranked Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl, to No. 17 Arizona State in Tempe in 1996, to No. 18 Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998 and to No. 2/T1 Kansas State in 1998. **Nebraska has won 11 of its last 12 games against top 10 AP teams.** This season, Nebraska has gone 2-2 vs. AP ranked teams.

Huskers vs. the Unranked

The Huskers have lost just 13 of 216 games to unranked opponents since 1973 (6-1 under Solich). Nebraska's most recent loss was to Texas at home on Oct. 31, 1998. Nebraska has lost just five games to unranked opponents at home in that time period. NU's last road loss to an unranked opponent was to Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game. In both losses to Texas, the Longhorns were not ranked in the top 25, but had enough votes to rank in the top 30. In a regular-season road game, the Huskers have not lost to an unranked opponent since Iowa State upset the Huskers, 19-10, in 1992. In fact, in the last 26 years, Nebraska has gone 201-13-2 (.935, 216 games, five losses in the '90s) against unranked opponents and suffered only one loss to a team that finished the season below .500 (Iowa State in 1992).

Huskers Post Second-Best On-the-Road Record

Counting games at neutral sites, the Huskers are second to Florida State with a .779 "On-the-Road" record in the '90s (among Division I-A schools). **Nebraska is 40-11-1 on the road for a .779 winning percentage,** behind Florida State's 48-11-0 (.814). Not counting neutral site games, the Huskers are tops in the '90s with a 32-7-1 record (.813), which includes a win and a loss to Miami in Orange Bowl games. Nebraska is 27-4 away from home since 1993 (10-3 vs. ranked teams--includes neutral sites), losing only to Arizona State in 1996, Texas in the Big 12 Championship game in the same year and A&M and K-State this year.

Nebraska Nominees for Big 12 Player of the Week Honors

Game	Offense	Defense	Specialty
La Tech	-- no Big	12 awards	--
UAB	Crouch, QB	Kelsay, RE	K.Brown, PK
California	Wiggins, WB	Kelsay, RE	--
Wash.	Evans, IB	**Kelsay, RE**	--
Okla. St.	Jackson, TE	Rucker, RE	**Walker, Rov.**
A&M	Davison, SE	Kelsay, RE	Lafleur, P
Kansas	--	Swiney, CB	K.Brown, PK
Missouri	--	Rucker,LB	Wiggins, WB
Texas	--	M.Brown,R	Lafleur, P
Iowa St.	Alexander,IB	Finley, FS	Polk, LB
Kansas St.	Jackson, TE	Kelsay, RE	--
Colorado	Buckhalter, IB	**Rucker, RE**	Lafleur, P

bold underlined indicates winners of award

Years of Coaching Experience

Head coach + Full-time Staff (assistants only)

Penn State 189 (140)
BYU 166 (129)
West Virginia 146 (127)
Florida State 142 (119)
Nebraska 135 (115)

Most Victories by First-Year Division I-A Head Coaches

	Coach, School	Year	Record
1.	Gary Blackney, Bowl. Green	1991	11-1-0
	John Robinson, USC	1976	11-1-0
	Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970	11-1-0
4.	Dick Crum, Miami (Ohio)	1974	10-0-1
	Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973	10-0-1
6.	Josh Jenkins, Houston	1990	10-1-0
	Dwight Wallace, Ball State	1978	10-1-0
	Chuck Fairbanks, Oklahoma	1967	10-1-0
9.	Mike Archer, LSU	1987	10-1-1
10.	Rick Neuheisel, Colorado	1995	10-2-0
	Curley Hallman, So. Miss.	1988	10-2-0
	Pat Jones, Oklahoma State	1984	10-2-0
	Earle Bruce, Tampa	1972	10-2-0
	Billy Kinard, Mississippi	1971	10-2-0
--	**Frank Solich, Nebraska**	**1998**	**9-3-0**

1999 Nebraska Football Schedule

Sept. 4 ..... at Iowa
Sept. 11 ..... California
Sept. 18 ..... Southern Mississippi
Sept. 25 ..... at Missouri#
Oct. 2 ..... Oklahoma State#
Oct. 9 ..... Iowa State# HC
Oct. 23 ..... at Texas#
Oct. 30 ..... at Kansas#
Nov. 6 ..... Texas A&M#
Nov. 13 ..... Kansas State#
Nov. 26 ..... at Colorado#

2000 Non-Conference Schedule

Sept. 2 ..... TBA
Sept. 9 ..... at Notre Dame
Sept. 23 ..... Iowa
# indicates Big 12 Conference Game

Adding up the Points

The Husker offense has averaged 35 or more points for 13 of the last 14 years. The Huskers have averaged 30 or more points for 21 straight years (since 1977) and have averaged 40 or more points seven times since 1983, including in three of the past four years. In 1998, NU averaged 31.9 to rank third in the Big 12 and 23rd in the nation. NU has scored at least 35 points in 45 of the last 59 games. The Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average for 20 of the last 21 years (since 1978) and finished first four times. **NU has won 213 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points. NU is 277-1 all time when scoring 35 or more points**, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950. Before the ASU shutout in 1996, NU had scored in 50 straight games since a 22-0 loss to Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl. NU's current streak is 36 games. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since KSU did so on Homecoming in 1968 (0-12). The Huskers have scored 40 or more points in their last three bowl games, including 42 last year against No. 3 Tennessee and a school-record 62 vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

It's a Rush

NU is 168-5 in the last 26 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game (since 1973) and has won 90 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards since a loss to Michigan in the 1986 Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, when the Huskers rushed for 304 yards. Nebraska is 87-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards (2-0 in 1998). NU's 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl set an NCAA bowl record for rushing yards. Nebraska has won the NCAA rushing title 13 times, most recently in 1997 averaging 392.6 yards per game. NU has won the rushing title five times in the last eight years. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year, including a sixth-place finish in 1998 with a 253.8 ypg average. NU has had 320, 100-yard rushing performances all time (seven under Coach Solich), including 37 games in which there were two or more 100-yard rushers. The Huskers have had 28, 200-yard rushing performances, most recently 209 by Ahman Green vs. Iowa State and 202 vs. Colorado on consecutive weeks, and an Orange Bowl and Husker bowl-record 206 vs. Tennessee. Three Huskers rushed for more than 100 yards in a game once, vs. ASU, 1988. Nebraska is 5-2 under Solich when having a rusher with at least 100 yards, and 2-3 under Solich when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher.

Defense Against the Rush

The Huskers had a most impressive game against the rush in their season opener vs. Louisiana Tech, limiting the Bulldogs to minus 21 yards, the fourth-best in school history. The 14 rushing attempts were a school record low against any Husker defense. Since the opener, NU has held four more opponents to less than 100 yards rushing and all but two to less than 200. Currently, Nebraska ranks 16th nationally against the rush (117.3 ypg). In 1997, for the fourth consecutive year, the Husker defense allowed opponents less than 85 yards rushing per game. After going to the 4-3 attack defense in 1993, the Husker "D" has posted four of the school's top six averages in the last five years, allowing 79.3 ypg in 1994, 78.4 ypg in 1995 (back-to-back national championship teams), 83.8 ypg in 1996 and an average of 73.4 ypg in 1997. The 1997 average ranked second-best all time at NU and third nationally. Nebraska has never led the nation in rushing defense, but has ranked in the top 20 in each of the last five years. Since 1946, the Nebraska defense has allowed 100 or fewer rushing yards per game over the course of the season just 12 times, the first of which was 1963. The school record is 67.5 yards allowed in 1967.

Defending the Score

The Huskers held five of its 12 opponents this season to less than 10 points, including a shutout (41-0) of Kansas. Only four teams have scored 20 or more vs. NU this season, with Kansas State scoring a season-best 40. **When Nebraska holds its opponents to 10 or less points, the Huskers have posted 87 straight wins** (since losing 10-7 to Iowa in 1981 season opener). In fact, NU is 195-5-1 since 1962 (Devaney's first year) when holding opponents to 10 or less points (5-0 under Solich). Nebraska has recorded 59 shutouts since 1962 (four in season openers, last three consecutive Homecomings), most recently Kansas in 1998 (one under Solich). Offensively, the Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962 (once at home, 12-0 to KSU in 1968). The last time NU was shut out was at Arizona State (19-0) in 1996. The Huskers rank 11th nationally in scoring defense allowing 15.4 points per game.

California Huskers

On the Husker depth chart, four Huskers call California their home state, and all three are starters for Nebraska, including cornerback **Ralph Brown** (Hacienda Heights), offensive guard **James Sherman** (LaVerne, Whittier HS) and tight end **Sheldon Jackson** (Diamond Bar, Damien HS). In the last 26 years, 33 Husker starters have come from the state of California. There has not been a year when Nebraska has not had at least one starter from California. Sophomore reserve safety **Dion Booker** (Oceanside, Calif., El Camino HS) is the younger brother of former Husker Michael Booker (All-Big 12 corner who now plays for Atlanta).

UNL Alumni in California

As of October, 1998, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (and its medical school) have 7,703 alumni and friends living in the state of California. This figure is second only to alumni living in Nebraska. (Colorado is third at 7,013, Texas is fourth at 4,700). Some 4,200 Nebraska alumni live in the Los Angeles area alone. The Nebraska ticket office expects to sell out its allotment of 11,500 tickets to the Holiday Bowl. There are approximately 2,500 members in the Californians for Nebraska Booster Club, most all of which are from Southern California. (There is also a booster club in Northern California called the Northern Californians for Nebraska). It is expected that California Huskers have already purchased at least 10,000 tickets to the bowl game direct from the Holiday office. These same loyal Husker fans assisted the Huskers to a victory this season at the California game, as NU played in front of approximately 35,000 red-clad fans.

Husker Snippets

◆ **First Year at the Helm...**In terms of first-year coaches, Nebraska's Hall of Fame coaches Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, like Solich, each started out well. Devaney won his first six games before losing game seven to Missouri and game 10 to Oklahoma for a 9-2 season in 1962. Tom Osborne won his first four games, before losing game five to Missouri. Osborne also tied OSU in game seven and lost game 11 to Oklahoma in a 9-2-1 season in 1973. Fielding H. Yost also began his first NU season 6-0 (1898, lost game seven), and E.J. "Doc" Stewart won his first five in 1916, before losing game six. Solich went 5-0 before losing to Texas A&M in game six and is 9-3 in his first season (and career), becoming the third first-year Husker coach to win nine or more games in his first season, joining Devaney and Osborne who won nine in their first year.

◆ **Walk-ons Remain Crucial to Success...**On the most recent depth chart, 28 (14 offense, 10 defense, four kickers) of the 81 Huskers listed (35 percent) were walk-ons when they first came to Nebraska, including six who have started this season. Three are current starters, including **Joel Makovicka** at fullback, **Jason Schwab** at right tackle, and punter **Bill Lafleur**. Walk-on quarterback **Monte Christo,** started vs. Texas, Sam linebacker **Brian Shaw** started the first four games and senior **Ben Gessford** started the first nine games at right guard and the last game at right tackle. Makovicka and Shaw made SI's 1997 All-Walk-on team.

◆ **1998 Team Captains...**Five seniors were named to represent the team in 1998 as co-captains, as chosen by team vote on Aug. 22. Representing the offense is fullback **Joel Makovicka** (Brainard, Neb.), center **Josh Heskew** (Mustang, Okla.) and tight end **Sheldon Jackson** (Diamond Bar, Calif.). Representing the defense is rush end **Chad Kelsay** (Auburn, Neb.) and Mike linebacker **Jay Foreman** (Eden Prairie, Minn.).

◆ **Gessford a Model of Versatility...**Ben Gessford, a Lincoln native, started the first nine games at right guard and also backed up left tackle and both guard positions. Now Gessford is the backup at both tackle positions. He has seen significant action at four of the five O-line positions this season (all but center). He gave way his starting position to **Russ Hochstein** for the Iowa State game in order to shore up tackle and give **Adam Julch** (LT) and **Jason Schwab** (RT) some relief. Hochstein (RG), **James Sherman** (LG) and **Dominic Raiola** secure the guard positions and Raiola backs up **Josh Heskew** at center.

◆ **Family Connections...**Three sets of brothers currently play for Nebraska and there are several other Huskers whose fathers and older brothers played for the Big Red. Current sets of brothers on the team include **Chad and Chris Kelsay, Seth and Sam Gutz,** and **Aaron and Colin Wills**. Second generation Huskers include **Jamie Burrow** (father Jim played in 1974-75); **Gregg List** (father was the late Jerry List, 1970-71-72) and **Jay Runty** (father Steve played in 1972-73). Several players followed their brothers to NU including **Dion Booker** (brother Michael played in 1994-96); **Mark Vedral** (Jon, 1994-96, and Mike, 1990-92); **Tracey Wistrom** (Grant, 1994-97); **Joel Makovicka** (Jeff, 1995-97) and **Tyrone Uhlir** (Todd, 1993-94).

◆ **Frosh Players...**Three true freshmen have played for the Huskers this season, including defensive tackles **Jason Lohr** and **Jeremy Slechta**, who sat out the first game with a sore shoulder, and cornerback **Keyuo Craver**. Craver has 23 tackles, three PBU and recorded his first interception vs. Kansas State, while Lohr has seven tackles and Slechta has nine tackles, 3-11 TFL, two breakups, was in on two sacks and had one quarterback hurry.

◆ **First Time, No Score...**The Huskers won the Colorado game, 16-14, without the aid of an offensive touchdown for the first time in modern history (going back to Devaney's first year in 1962). It was the first time since 1961 that Nebraska had not scored an offensive touchdown against the Buffaloes. The last time the Husker offense did not score a touchdown in a game was the 19-0 loss to Arizona State on Sept. 21, 1996. The 16 points scored by the Huskers was the lowest this season, lowest since being shut out by ASU, and lowest in a win since defeating Oklahoma 13-3 on Nov. 25, 1994, in Norman. It was the lowest total at home since a 27-12 loss to Colorado on Nov. 3, 1990 and the lowest at home in a win since defeating Baylor 13-0 on Sept. 1, 1990.

◆ **NU Team Totals...**NU finished the season as a team averaging 253.8 yards per game rushing, the lowest team total since 1976 (219.8), NU averaged 131.2 yards passing, the highest since 1995 (156.5). NU's 384.9 total offense team average is the least since 1969 (371.8) and the first time NU has not averaged 400 or more since 1973 (396.0). Opponents averaged 116.8 yards rushing, 196.8 passing and 313.7 in total offense.

◆ **When Nebraska Trails...**The Colorado game marked the sixth time this season NU has trailed in a game (also Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Missouri, Texas and Kansas State). The Huskers are 3-3 in games in which they have trailed this season. NU trailed 14-13 entering the fourth quarter, but won 16-14. The last time the Huskers trailed in the fourth quarter but won, was against Missouri in overtime in 1997. NU's three points in the first half vs. Texas were its fewest in the first half of a home game since trailing Oklahoma 14-3 at the half in 1991 (NU went on to win the game 19-14).

◆ **Positively Speaking...**In the last 26 years, Nebraska has had just one season in which the Huskers had a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus nine.

◆ **The Husker Defense**...has ranked among the nation's top 10 in all four statistical categories four times. Three of those were under Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride, including 1996. The Huskers have ranked in the top 13 in all four categories in three of the past four years. Last year, NU ranked third against the rush (73.4 ypg), fifth in total defense (257.3 ypg), 32nd in pass efficiency defense (112.7) and 12th in scoring defense (16.4 ppg). This season the Blackshirts rank 16th in rush defense, 11th in scoring defense, 22nd in total defense and 34th in pass efficiency defense.

◆ **Eight-Man Football...**Two of Nebraska's top three fullbacks came from high school programs that did not play with 11 men on a side. **Joel Makovicka** and **Billy Legate** each played eight-man football, at East Butler High School, and Clearwater High, respectively. **Jeremy Stanislav**, a reserve fullback from Prague, Neb., played six-man football in high school.

◆ **Orange Bowl Record...**Head Coach Frank Solich holds the Orange Bowl record for most return yards in a game, with 130 in 1966. Solich became Nebraska's 26th head coach after the 1998 Orange Bowl. Solich was a member of Bob Devaney's first recruiting class in 1962 and was the first Husker to rush for more than 200 yards (204 vs. Air Force, 1965).

Injuries which have kept Huskers out of game action in 1998

(probable starters in bold):

La Tech (Aug. 29):
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped 8/27)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans(left knee scoped 8/22)**
- **FS Clint Finley (left knee injured 8/17)**
- +ROV Brandon Quindt (IT band right knee 8/15)
- FB Billy Legate (right knee, scoped 8/6)
- IB Alik Tillery (dislocated left elbow 8/15)
- DT Jeremy Slechta (right shoulder sprain 8/24)

UAB (Sept. 5)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (left knee scoped)**
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left knee PCL 8/29)**
- **FS Clint Finley (right knee strain)**
- **DT Jason Wiltz (sprained left ankle)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot 9/2)**
- IB Alik Tillery (dislocated left elbow 8/15)

California (Sept. 12)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (left knee scoped)**
- **FS Clint Finley (right knee strain)**
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left knee PCL)**
- **DT Jason Wiltz (sprained left ankle)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot)**
- IB Alik Tillery (dislocated left elbow)

Washington (Sept. 26)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot)**
- **SLB Tony Ortiz (concussion 9/22)**
- QB Eric Crouch (hamstring)

Oklahoma State (Oct. 3)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot)**

Texas A&M (Oct. 11)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot)**
- **SE Kenny Cheatham (sep. left shoulder)**
- +OT Brandt Wade (left knee patella 10/3)
- Eric Crouch (hip pointer 10/3)

Kansas (Oct. 17)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **WB Lance Brown (broken right foot)**
- **SE Kenny Cheatham (sep. left shoulder)**
- **DT Steve Warren (back)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- WLB Julius Jackson (right knee strain 10/10)
- QB Eric Crouch (hip pointer)

Missouri (Oct. 24)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **SE Kenny Cheatham (sep. left shoulder)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- WLB Julius Jackson (right knee strain)
- QB Eric Crouch (hip pointer)
- +WB Frankie London (broken left fibula/tibula)

Texas (Oct. 31)
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee scoped)**
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left PCL)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- **DT Steve Warren (back/funeral)**

Iowa State (Nov. 7)
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left PCL)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- TE T.J. DeBates (knee strain 10/31)

Kansas State (Nov. 14)
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left PCL)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee)**
- TE T.J. DeBates (knee strain)

Colorado (Nov. 27)
- **QB Bobby Newcombe (left PCL)**
- **IB DeAngelo Evans (tailbone)**
- **OT Jeff Clausen (right knee)**

◆ **Former Head Coach Tom Osborne...**posted a remarkable 255-49-3 record for an .836 winning percentage, all at the University of Nebraska. Osborne coached the Huskers in his 25th consecutive bowl game on Jan. 2, when the No. 2 Huskers (13-0) defeated the No. 3 Tennessee Volunteers in the FedEx Orange Bowl, giving Osborne his third national championship in a four-year period (a feat accomplished just one other time). He is the only collegiate football coach to retire as a reigning national champion. Osborne retired as head football coach on Dec. 10, 1997, but will continue working part-time for the University as a fund-raiser for the Foundation, and as a professor teaching two classes this fall and with his wife Nancy is expanding his Teammates program statewide. Osborne was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998.

◆ **O-Line active in NFL...**Nebraska has eight offensive linemen active in the NFL. They are Aaron Graham (Arizona), Will Shields (Kansas City), Rob Zatechka (N.Y. Giants, injured reserve), Brenden Stai (Pittsburgh), Zach Wiegert (St. Louis), Chris Dishman (Arizona), Adam Treu (Oakland) and Aaron Taylor (Chicago, practice roster). The first five have all earned starts with their respective teams. Shields, Wiegert and Taylor were Outland Trophy winners for the Huskers (in 1992, 1994 and 1997, respectively).

◆ **Huskers in the NFL...**On opening day rosters for the 1998 NFL season, there were 30 former Huskers active on National Football League teams. The Huskers had two first-round selections in 1997 when Grant Wistrom was the sixth pick by St. Louis and Jason Peter was the 14th pick by Carolina. Six Huskers were drafted in 1998 (tied for the most of any Big 12 Conference school) and five more signed free agent contracts. In addition to Wistrom and Peter, Frost and Green were third-round picks and Taylor and Warfield were seventh-round picks. The Huskers rank tied for sixth on the NFL's all-time first-round draft list with 30 first-round draft picks, including 11 in the last 12 drafts. NU averages seven draft picks per year with 181 in the last 25 years. **Nebraska Players on the 1998 Opening Day Rosters (Alphabetically)...**Michael Booker (Atlanta), Doug Colman (New York Giants), Mike Croel (Seattle), Chris Dishman (Arizona), Scott Frost (New York Jets), Irving Fryar (Philadelphia), Aaron Graham (Arizona), Ahman Green (Seattle), Donta Jones (Pittsburgh), Mike Minter (Carolina), John Parrella (San Diego), Christian Peter (New York Giants), Jason Peter (Carolina), Cory Schlesinger (Detroit), Will Shields (Kansas City), Neil Smith (Denver), Brenden Stai (Pittsburgh), Eric Stokes (Seattle), Aaron Taylor (Chicago), Broderick Thomas (Dallas, injured reserve), Jared Tomich (New Orleans), Adam Treu (Oakland), Tony Veland (Carolina), Eric Warfield (Kansas City), Zach Wiegert (St. Louis), Jamel Williams (Washington), Tyrone Williams (Green Bay), Grant Wistrom (St. Louis), Toby Wright (St. Louis), Rob Zatechka (New York Giants--injured reserve). **Assistants...**In addition, three former Husker assistant coaches hold positions with NFL teams, including Kevin Steele, linebackers, Carolina; Gene Huey, running backs, Indianapolis; and Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, Tampa Bay.

A Look at the Numbers

◆ **Scoring Drives...**

In 12 games, Nebraska has shown the ability to both control the ball and strike quickly. The Huskers have scored in five plays or less 16 times this season, including two one-play scores. In contrast, Nebraska has ground out 17 drives of 10 or more plays, with two season-high 14-play drives. Nebraska has used a ball-control offense the last six games, averaging 8.1 plays and 3:12 on its 27 scoring drives in those contests. NU opponents UAB and La. Tech each engineered 16-play, 80-yard scoring drives against the Husker defense, while Louisiana Tech struck in five plays or less twice, including a one-play scoring drive and A&M scored in four plays twice against Nebraska. Texas, A&M and K-State all used large chunks of clock in defeating Nebraska.

	Scoring	Time		Plays			
Game	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	Under 5	1-Play
La. Tech	7	26:45	3:49	51	7.3	4	0
UAB	6	18:38	3:06	50	8.3	2	1
Cal	4	8:31	2:08	25	6.3	2	0
Wash.	8	17:53	2:14	45	5.6	3	1
OSU	3	8:05	2:42	21	7.0	0	0
A&M	3	6:30	2:10	24	8.0	0	0
Kansas	7	25:12	3:36	57	8.1	1	0
Missouri	4	12:00	3:00	36	9.0	0	0
Texas	4	11:50	2:58	31	7.8	2	0
Iowa St.	5	15:42	3:08	41	8.2	1	0
K-State	4	11:08	2:47	26	6.5	1	0
Colorado	3	9:42	3:14	30	10.0	0	0
Totals	**58**	**171:56**	**2:58**	**437**	**7.5**	**16**	**2**
Opp.	**26**	**101:39**	**3:55**	**247**	**9.5**	**7**	**1**

◆ **Long Season Plays (25 or more yards)...**

After giving up six long pass plays against Louisiana Tech, the Husker defense rebounded against UAB, as the Blazers' longest play from scrimmage was 15 yards. Nebraska has allowed just 23 long plays from scrimmage since the La. Tech game (2.1 per game), but A&M used three long plays to set up three TDs in their win over Nebraska and Texas' four big plays from scrimmage (3 pass, 1 run) were a key to the 'Horns 20-16 win in Lincoln. K-State had three plays of 25 yards or more vs. the Huskers. After 12 games the Husker offense has 29 plays from scrimmage that have gone for 25 or more yards. Last season, Nebraska had 48 such plays through 12 games, including 27 on the ground, compared to just 13 in 1998. NU had a season-best three runs of 25 yards or more against Kansas, none in four games (OSU, A&M, Missouri, K-State) and just four in its last five games.

1998 Husker Long Plays

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total	Rush	Pass	Ret	Total
La. Tech	1	2	3	6	0	6	0	6
UAB	1	2	1	4	0	0	1	1
Cal	2	2	1	5	0	3	1	4
Wash.	2	1	1	4	0	2	3	5
OSU	0	2	1	3	0	3	0	3
A&M	0	2	2	4	2	1	0	3
Kansas	3	1	2	6	0	2	0	2
Missouri	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	3
Texas	1	1	0	2	1	3	1	5
Iowa State	2	0	1	3	0	2	1	3
K-State	0	2	1	3	1	2	3	6
Colorado	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	1
Totals	**13**	**16**	**16**	**45**	**4**	**25**	**13**	**42**

◆ **Nebraska in the Red Zone...**

Nebraska has been very effective inside the 20 this season. The Huskers converted their first 17 penetrations inside the opponent 20-yard line into scores, before a fumble and missed field goal vs. Washington. NU is now 47 of 58 in the red zone, with 36 TDs and 11 field goals. The Huskers' struggled in the red zone in their loss to Texas, converting just one of three opportunities, with a missed field goal and a fumble. Nebraska's opponents are 21-30 in the red zone, including a perfect 4-4 by Texas and 6-8 by Kansas State. The Husker defense's biggest red zone hold was when it held OSU without a score inside its 20 on the game's last drive to preserve a 24-17 win.

	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20			Half/	
Game	Chances	Tot.	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
La. Tech	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
UAB	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Cal	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Wash.	9	7	7	0	1	1	0	0	.778
OSU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
A&M	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	.750
Kansas	7	6	4	2	0	1	0	0	.857
Missouri	5	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	.800
Texas	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	.333
Iowa State	7	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	.714
K-State	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Colorado	5	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	.600
Totals	**58**	**47**	**36**	**11**	**4**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**.810**
Opp.	**30**	**21**	**16**	**5**	**1**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**.700**

Note: Nebraska has 32 rushing touchdowns and four passing TDs inside the 20; opponents have 8 rushing and 8 passing TDs.

◆ **Nebraska Points Off Turnovers...**

Nebraska's defense has been successful at converting opponent miscues into points, with 109 points off 27 turnovers. The Huskers were very opportunistic against Washington, forcing six turnovers, with the Husker offense converting five of those miscues into TDs. Against Iowa State, Nebraska turned four Cyclone turnovers into 21 points, including a 65-yard interception return by Joe Walker. The Huskers stayed in the game at Kansas State by turning five Wildcat turnovers into 17 points, including a 74-yard fumble return by Ralph Brown. In the last three games, NU has converted 12 turnovers into 48 points. On the offensive side, NU has committed 18 turnovers this season, with six of the miscues converted into scores (five TDs). Of the 36 points scored by the opposition off Husker turnovers, 20 have been on three fumble returns for touchdowns (by A&M, Missouri and Kansas State). The other 17 were on TDs by Colorado and Kansas State and by a Texas field goal.

	TO's		Scores	
Game	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.
La. Tech	1	1	0-0	7
UAB	0	0	0-0	0
Cal	2	0	1-1	3
Wash.	6	5	0-0	34
OSU	0	0	0-0	0
A&M	1	0	0-0	0
Kansas	3	2	0-0	14
Missouri	1	0	1-1	3
Texas	1	0	0-0	0
Iowa State	4	3	0-0	21
Kansas State	5	2	1-1	17
Colorado	3	1	1-1	10
Totals	**27**	**14**	**4-4**	**109**
Opponent	**18**	**5**	**1-1**	**37**

◆ **The Huskers' Numbers...Game by Game...(NU bests in bold)**

	Nebraska		
	Rush	Pass	Total
La. Tech	56/289/6	13-10-**0**/173/1	69/462
UAB	43/236/3	21-**15-0/208**/2	64/444
Cal	60/254/2	**28-15**-1/180/1	**88**/434
Wash.	68/434/**8**	9-6-**0**/93/0	77/527
OSU	36/73/2	16-10-**0**/142/0	52/215
A&M	44/141/3	27-**15**-1/204/0	71/345
Kansas	**79/466**/5	9-5-**0**/79/0	**88/545**
Missouri	61/256/2	16-8-**0**/77/0	77/328
Texas	47/194/1	17-10-**0**/117/0	64/311
Iowa State	62/359/5	9-4-1/44/0	71/403
Kansas State	43/212/0	21-10-1/139/**3**	64/351
Colorado	37/131/0	22-10-1/123/0	59/254

	Opponents		
	Rush	Pass	Total
La. Tech	**14/-21/0**	68-46-1/590/4	82/569
UAB	46/154/1	18-8-0/**56/0**	64/210
Cal	25/12/**0**	32-14-2/224/**0**	57/236
Wash.	31/97/**0**	41-20-**3**/176/1	72/273
OSU	55/175/1	24-11-0/180/1	79/355
A&M	57/259/2	**8-2**-1/93/1	65/352
Kansas	31/99/**0**	25-8-1/121/**0**	**56**/220
Missouri	37/77/1	20-8-0/89/**0**	57/**166**
Texas	43/129/**0**	27-14-1/269/2	70/398
Iowa State	38/103/1	32-11-**3**/124/**0**	70/227
Kansas State	43/206/2	33-19-1/306/2	76/512
Colorado	46/112/**0**	19-13-1/134/2	65/246

◆ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (* indicates career best)...**

Since returning to a more power-oriented rushing attack against Kansas, Nebraska had a 100-yard rusher in five of the last six games, after seeing just two players crack the century mark in the first six games (Buckhalter had 92 rushing yards against Colorado). Against Kansas State, quarterback Eric Crouch recorded his second 100-yard day with 108 yards on 22 carries. At Iowa State, bruising I-back Dan Alexander carried 22 times for 110 yards to become the fourth Husker to run for 100 yards this year, joining Correll Buckhalter (3), Eric Crouch (2) and DeAngelo Evans (1). Buckhalter's consecutive 100-yard games against Kansas and Missouri

NU Says Goodbye to 21 Seniors

The bowl game is the last game for 21 Cornhusker seniors. During their four-year careers, the Husker senior class won two national championships, two conference titles, played in two national championship games and posted an outstanding 45-5 overall record. Although most of them were redshirts in 1994, over the five-year period, most were a part of three national championships, three conference championships and a 58-5 record.

Husker Seniors (starters in bold, *captains)

Kris Brown, PK, Southlake, Texas
Lance Brown, WB, Papillion, Neb.
Kenny Cheatham, SE, Phoenix, Ariz.
Monte Christo, QB, Kearney, Neb.
***Jay Foreman, MLB, Eden Prairie, Minn.**
Russell Froehlich, SLB, Omaha, Neb.
Ben Gessford, OG/OT, Lincoln, Neb.
Billy Haafke, SE, South Sioux City, Neb.
***Josh Heskew, C, Mustang, Okla.**
Quint Hogrefe, SLB, Auburn, Neb.
***Sheldon Jackson, TE, Diamond Bar, Calif.**
***Chad Kelsay, RE, Auburn, Neb.**
Bill Lafleur, P, Norfolk, Neb.
Billy Legate, FB, Clearwater, Neb.
***Joel Makovicka, FB, Brainard, Neb.**
Brian Morro, P, Middletown, N.J.
Mike Rucker, RE, St. Joseph, Mo.
Travis Toline, RE, Wahoo, Neb.
Brandt Wade, OG, Springfield, Neb.
Shevin Wiggins, WB, Palmetto, Fla.
Jason Wiltz, DT, New Orleans, La.

Senior Class Breakdown

Starters: 13 (7 offense, 4 defense, 2 kickers)
Offense: SE Kenny Cheatham, SE Billy Haafke, OT/OG Ben Gessford, C Josh Heskew, OG Brandt Wade, TE Sheldon Jackson, QB Monte Christo, FB Joel Makovicka, FB Billy Legate, WB Shevin Wiggins, WB Lance Brown
Defense: LR Chad Kelsay, RR Mike Rucker, RR Travis Toline, NT Jason Wiltz, MLB Jay Foreman, SLB Quint Hogrefe, SLB Russell Froehlich.
Kickers: PK Kris Brown, P Bill Lafleur, P Brian Morro

Senior Class Notes

◆ Among Husker defensive starters, only Kelsay, Rucker, Wiltz and Foreman are seniors.

◆ Among the secondary's top 13 players (three deep), there are no seniors and just four juniors.

◆ In fact, across the Husker Blackshirt three deep (37 total), just six are seniors (also Travis Toline, and Quint Hogrefe).

◆ NU loses two offensive linemen in center Josh Heskew and tackle/guard Ben Gessford.

◆ Of the 21 seniors, 19 are fifth-year seniors, only PK Kris Brown and RE Chad Kelsay have not redshirted in their careers.

◆ Nebraska will lose both its kickers with the departure of Kris Brown (PK) and Bill Lafleur (P).

◆ Eighteen current Husker seniors have three national championship rings in their possession. Most of the 18 were redshirt freshmen who were practice squad members when NU defeated Miami in the 1995 Orange Bowl, but all made the trip. The list includes: Lance Brown, Kenny Cheatham, Monte Christo, Jay Foreman, Russell Froehlich, Ben Gessford, Billy Haafke, Josh Heskew, Quint Hogrefe, Sheldon Jackson, Bill Lafleur, Billy Legate, Joel Makovicka, Brian Morro, Mike Rucker, Travis Toline, Brandt Wade and Jason Wiltz.

was the only time a Husker runner has had back-to-back games over the century mark this year. Evans' 41 rushing yards against Oklahoma State were the fewest to lead the Huskers since Derek Brown ran for a team-high 27 yards in a 45-10 loss at Oklahoma on Nov. 23, 1990. Nebraska's defense has allowed a 100-yard rusher in five games this season.

◆ **Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games in 1998 (*career best)...(7 players in 12 games)**
La. Tech--Buckhalter (19 carries, 143 yards*, 1TD); **UAB**--none; **California**--none; **Washington**--Evans (13 carries, 146 yards, 3 TDs*); **OSU**--none; **A&M**--none; **Kansas**--Buckhalter (18 carries, 133 yards, 3 TDs*); **Missouri**--Buckhalter (25 carries*, 125 yards); **Texas**--Crouch (17 carries, 108 yards*, 1 TD); **Iowa State**--Alexander (22 carries*, 110 yards*, 3 TDs*); **Kansas State**--Crouch (22 carries*, 108 yards*); **Colorado**--none.

◆ **Opponent 100-Yard Rushing Games in 1998--(6 players in 5 of 12 games)**
La. Tech--none; **UAB**--none; **California**--none; **Washington**--none; **Oklahoma State**--Nathan Simmons (26 carries, 114 yards); **A&M**--Dante Hall (32 carries, 113 yards), Ja'Mar Toombs (10 carries, 110 yards); **Kansas**--none; **Missouri**--none; **Texas**--Ricky Williams (37 carries, 150 yards); **Iowa State**--none; **Kansas State**--Michael Bishop (25 carries, 140 yards, 2 TDs); **Colorado**--Marlon Barnes (25 carries, 102 yards).

◆ **Starting Field Position**
Nebraska has had a definite advantage in starting field position through 12 games. The Huskers have had 148 drives this season, with the average starting field position on their own **35.1** yard line. NU opponents have averaged starting on their own **26.9** yard line. Nebraska held a 12-yard field position average against Colorado, largely due to Bill Lafleur's 51.0 yard average on five punts.

◆ **Penalty Numbers**
In addition to its kicking game giving the Huskers excellent field position, Nebraska is not giving away yardage because of penalties. NU is averaging just 5.1 penalties per game for an average of 44.7 yards penalized per contest. NU's penalties and yards penalized per game are both the fewest in the Big 12. On the year, Nebraska has been whistled for 42 fewer penalties than its opposition (61-103) and has been penalized 294 fewer yards (536-830). In fact only one opponent (Kansas) has been called for fewer penalties and only two foes (A&M, Kansas) have been penalized for fewer yards in games against Nebraska.

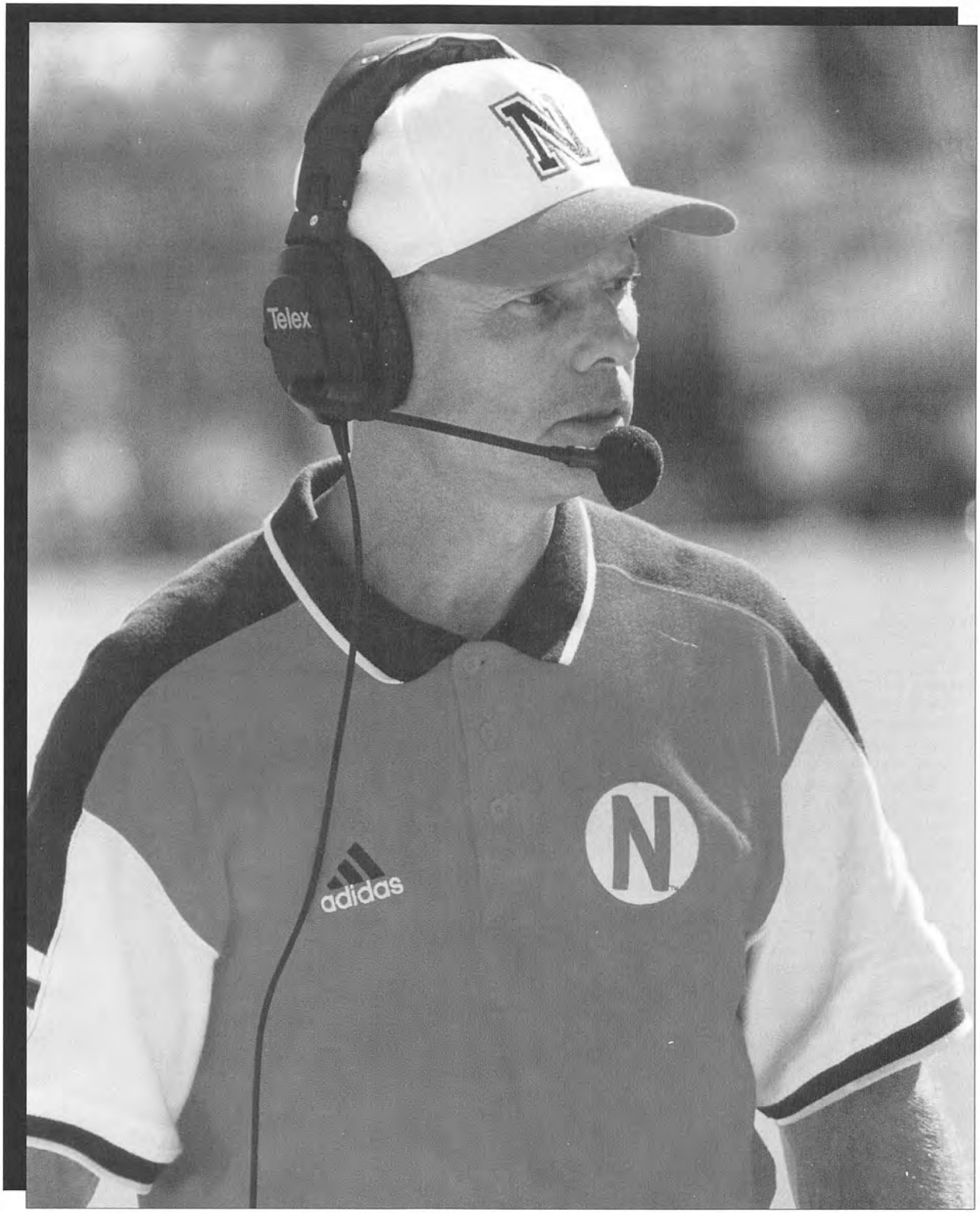
◆ **O-Line Puts up the Pancakes...(*allowed by team, not O-line)**

Game	Team 'Cakes	Indiv. (#) 'Cakes	*Sacks Allowed	O-Line Penalties	Perfect Plays
La. Tech	49	11 (72)	1	2	64%
UAB	48	10 (59/54)	0	0	64%
Cal	70	*23 (59)	3	0	53%
Wash.	88	15 (55)	0	2	50%
OSU	29	8 (59)	3	0	67%
A&M	24	6 (72)	4	1	59%
Kansas	63	11 (54)	0	1	51%
Missouri	40	10 (54)	0	0	57%
Texas	26	7 (63)	4	0	43%
Iowa St.	56	16 (59)	0	0	67%
Kansas St.	43	11 (59,55)	2	1	45%
Colorado	52	17 (59)	1	1	56%

◆ **Husker Pancake Leaders...**

	LT	UAB	Cal.	UW	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	TU	ISU	KSU	CU	Total	Avg.
Heskew	6	**10**	**23***	13	**8**	2	10	5	1	**16**	**11**	**17**	122	10.2
Sherman	10	9	8	13	5	3	10	4	**7**	8	7	4	88	7.3
Schwab	8	7	12	9	5	5	6	2	6	9	7	3	79	6.6
Raiola	4	**10**	7	6	2	2	**11**	**10**	2	9	3	10	76	6.3
Hochstein	0	5	4	**15**	2	2	6	8	4	6	**11**	8	71	5.9
Gessford	**11**	5	10	4	3	**6**	5	6	4	3	1	4	62	5.2
Julch	9	2	6	9	4	4	3	5	2	4	3	6	57	4.8
Volk	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.4
Rutherford	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.3
Tansey	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
Diekmann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Kollmorgen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1

*-Heskew's 23 pancakes vs. Cal is a school record



First-year coach Frank Solich led Nebraska to nine wins in his first season as head coach. With a Holiday Bowl victory, Solich would become the 15th coach in Division I-A history to win 10 games in his first season as a head coach.

Husker Staff

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Frank Solich
Head Coach
First Season

For the past three decades the Nebraska football program has been the model of stability, consistency and excellence in collegiate athletics. Those qualities were established by Coach Bob Devaney, then carried for a quarter century by his successor, Tom Osborne.

That stability is the primary reason that on Dec. 10, 1997, just moments after Osborne announced his retirement, Frank Solich was named the 26th head coach in Nebraska's 108 years of football tradition. Solich follows the Nebraska model for success. Just as Osborne was groomed by Devaney to be the head coach, Solich has been Osborne's heir-apparent for several seasons.

Solich is a veteran of the Nebraska football program. He served on Osborne's staff for 19 seasons, first for four seasons as the head freshman coach and then for 15 years as running backs coach. The last seven years, Solich had the additional duties of assistant head coach.

Nebraska Director of Athletics Bill Byrne said Solich's experience under Osborne made him a natural choice as Nebraska's head football coach.

"Frank Solich is an excellent coach and recruiter who has been courted by many schools across the nation," Byrne said. "One of the things you look for in a head football coach is leadership. But the thing I think that sets Frank apart is not only the leadership he has, but the genuine respect that our coaches and our staff and that our athletes have for him.

"I have every confidence that Frank will continue the success that the Husker football team has enjoyed for so many years. Promoting Frank allowed us to maintain the continuity and stability of the program, which is exactly what every school in the country is striving to attain."

In Solich's first season as head coach that stability was evident. The Huskers posted a 9-3 record, the 30th straight season Nebraska has won nine or more games. In addition, Nebraska's appearance in the Culligan Holiday Bowl marks the 30th straight year the Huskers have played in a postseason contest.

Solich's nine victories this season equaled the totals of his two Hall-of-Fame predecessors, Devaney and Osborne, who each won nine games in their first season as Nebraska's head coach. With a win over Arizona in the Holiday Bowl, Solich would become one of just 15 first-year Division I-A head coaches to record 10 or more wins.

Nebraska's success in 1998 came in the face of a great deal of adversity which could have made a lesser program shake. The Huskers opened the season with one of their least experienced squads in many seasons. Throughout the season, Solich's leadership was tested by a rash of injuries which hit the '98 team. In all, nine projected starters missed a total of 45 games, forcing Solich to put a different starting lineup on the field nearly every Saturday.

Nebraska's transition from Osborne to Solich as head coach was seamless. Like Osborne, Solich served as his own offensive coordinator and like all of Osborne's teams, the 1998 Huskers were among the nation's top rushing teams. The Huskers averaged a Big 12-best 253.8 yards per game on the ground and ranked sixth nationally in rushing.

Nebraska's defense was again among the nation's best this season, ranking 22nd in total defense, 16th in rush defense and 11th in scoring defense. And like Osborne's teams, the Huskers again boasted a strong special teams unit in 1998, ranking seventh in the nation in net punting.

The most important aspect of Solich's promotion to head coach may be that it kept the veteran Husker coaching staff intact. The eight assistants from Osborne's staff who remained with Solich have a combined 114 years of coaching service at Nebraska. That experience allowed Solich to begin his first season as a head coach surrounded by familiar faces and ideas.

The 54-year-old Solich can trace his ties to the Nebraska football program back to the beginning of the Devaney era and the turnaround of Nebraska football. Solich was part of Devaney's first recruiting class at Nebraska and became a standout fullback for the Huskers in the mid-1960s, lettering in 1963, 1964 and 1965. His playing career earned him induction into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

While some remember Solich for his playing days, most Husker followers are more familiar with his work on Osborne's staff. Noted as one of the nation's top assistant coaches, Solich was tabbed Athlon Magazine's Assistant Coach-of-the-Year before the start of the 1993 season.

Solich is one of the primary factors in making Nebraska the model for the running game in college football. In nine of Solich's 15 seasons as running backs coach, Nebraska led the nation in rushing and finished in the top four every year. In the same period, the Huskers led the conference in rushing 13 times, including each of the last 10 seasons, and finished second in 1986 and 1987. In fact, Nebraska averaged more than 350 yards per game while Solich guided the running backs.

Solich, who recruited and coached 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, produced at least one all-conference running back in 13 of the 15 seasons he tutored that position.

In 1997, Solich's last as running backs coach, Nebraska collected its fifth NCAA rushing title in the 1990s, averaging 392.6 yards per game. Leading the way was junior I-back Ahman Green, who earned All-Big 12 and second-team All-America honors. Green rushed for 1,877 yards, the second-best single season in school history, scored 22 touchdowns and capped his season with an Orange Bowl record 206-yard performance against Tennessee. Green opted to turn pro after his junior season, but his 3,880 career yards rank him as the No. 2 rusher in Nebraska history behind Rozier.

Green's 1997 season continued a run of excellent seasons by Husker I-backs. However, it is not just the I-back position that makes the Nebraska running game strong. Husker fullbacks have been equally important to the ground game for the last 30 years, dating back to Solich's playing days in the 1960s. NU's fullback play has never been stronger than in 1997, when

Frank Solich made a smooth transition to head coach in 1998. Like his predecessors, Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, Solich won nine games in his first year as NU head coach.

Solich Leads NU to Nine Wins in First Season

The Solich family, from left: Jeff, Chara, Catherine Dalton, Pam, Frank, and Cindy, John and Aaron Dalton.

Joel Makovicka rushed for 685 yards and tied the Husker fullback record with nine touchdowns. In 1998, Makovicka broke the school record for career touchdowns by a fullback.

In 1996, Solich had a stable of running backs who combined for more than 2,000 yards, despite a series of injuries. Green was a third-team All-Big 12 selection as a sophomore, rushing for a team-high 917 yards. True freshman DeAngelo Evans chipped in 776 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. In 1995, Green broke the school's freshman rushing record with 1,086 yards and earned first-team All-Big Eight honors. He was also named the league's offensive newcomer-of-the-year.

Green was the latest in a long line of running backs who earned postseason honors and racked up record numbers under Solich. Green became the seventh Husker I-back to be a two-time all-conference selection under Solich, joining Rozier (1982-83), Doug DuBose (1984-85), Keith Jones (1986-87), Ken Clark (1988-89), Derek Brown (1991-92) and Calvin Jones (1992-93). In addition, Lawrence Phillips earned first-team All-Big Eight and second-team All-America honors in 1994, en route to the third-best single-season rushing total in school history. Solich-coached running backs own 20 of NU's 28 200-yard single-game rushing performances, while he accounted for one of the other eight himself. In addition, Solich tutored seven of the top eight performers on the school career rushing list, including each of the top four career rushers.

The dominant Husker running game has keyed an offense that has helped make Nebraska the most successful college football program in the last 25 years. Osborne won 255 games in the last 25 years, with Solich on the staff for the last 200 of those victories. In fact, Nebraska teams that Solich has been a part of for the last 20 years have posted an amazing 209-36-1 record, for an .852 winning percentage.

In Solich's 19 years as an assistant on the NU staff, the Huskers captured three national championships, all while Solich has been assistant head coach. In the same period, Solich has been on the staff of 11 conference championship teams, 19 postseason bowl squads and 15 teams who finished the season ranked in the nation's top 10.

Nebraska running backs have succeeded by developing the same work ethic that made Solich a standout fullback. Despite weighing less than 160 pounds, Solich was an All-Big Eight fullback and co-captain of the Huskers' 1965 team. He held the NU single-game rushing record (204 yards against Air Force in 1965) for 10 years and ranks 45th on NU's career rushing chart with 1,010 yards. He rushed for 444 yards as a junior in 1964 and was second on the team in 1965 with 580 yards. Solich still holds the Orange Bowl record for return yards with 166 in 1966.

The Husker teams Solich played on started the winning tradition Nebraska has enjoyed for the last 36 years. The Huskers posted records of 9-2, 10-1, 9-2 and 10-1 while Solich was on the roster, won three conference titles and played in four straight bowl games. The 1965 Husker team completed the regular season unbeaten and in position for a national championship, but lost 39-28 to Bear Bryant's Alabama team in the Orange Bowl. Solich also lettered in baseball for the Huskers in 1965.

A native of Cleveland, Solich prepped at Holy Name High School where he earned all-state, All-America and all-scholastic honors. He received his bachelor's (1966) and master's (1972) degrees from Nebraska.

After his playing days, Solich began his coaching career in the Nebraska prep ranks. He was the head coach at Holy Name High School in Omaha, Neb., in 1966 and 1967. His Holy Name teams were 8-8 in two seasons and the 1967 team was state runnerup. After two seasons in Omaha, Solich moved to one of the top high school programs in the state at Lincoln Southeast. With Solich in charge of the Knight program, Southeast teams compiled a 66-33-5 record in 11 years. His Southeast teams captured back-to-back Class A state titles in 1976 and 1977. For his efforts, Solich was named the *Lincoln Journal Star* Nebraska boy's prep coach-of-the-year in 1978. A number of Solich's players at Southeast moved across town to play for Nebraska.

Solich himself made the move to Nebraska before the 1979 season. His first assignment on Osborne's staff was head freshman coach. In 1979, the young Huskers were 4-1, losing only at Missouri. Solich's 1979 team won its final game, beginning a 24-game winning streak for the Husker freshmen that stretched to the 1984 season. Solich finished his four years as freshman coach with a 19-1 record, before taking over as coach of the running backs in 1983.

With Solich coaching the backs, Nebraska's running attack had unparalleled success in college football. The biggest honor for a Solich-coached back came in the 1983 season when senior Mike Rozier captured the Heisman Trophy after rushing for 2,148 yards and 29 touchdowns. While no one has matched Rozier's season, Nebraska consistently produced some of the nation's top backs under Solich.

In 1984, Nebraska had two first-team All-Big Eight runners as sophomore Doug DuBose and senior Jeff Smith combined to rush for 1,975 yards and 15 touchdowns. As a junior, DuBose gained 1,161 yards to rank ninth nationally in rushing. His 1985 season earned him all-conference and second-team All-America honors. DuBose's backfield running mate in 1985, fullback Tom Rathman, was also an All-Big Eight selection, as he gained 881 yards, a single-season record for Husker fullbacks.

DuBose was primed for a run at the Heisman before a knee injury ended his Husker career in 1986 fall camp. In DuBose's absence, Keith Jones earned all-league honors by gaining 830 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns. Jones became Solich's second two-time All-Big Eight selection in 1987 by gaining 1,232 yards and 13 touchdowns and averaging a whopping 7.3 yards per carry.

The Solich I-back assembly line continued in 1988 and 1989 with Ken Clark, who earned back-to-back first-team all-conference honors. Clark posted the third-best junior season in NU history in 1988, rushing for 1,497 yards and 12 touchdowns. In 1989, he added 1,196 yards and 14

Most Wins by First-Year Division I-A Head Coaches

	Coach, School	Year	Record
1.	Gary Blackney, Bowling Green	1991	11-1-0
	John Robinson, USC	1976	11-1-0
	Bill Battle, Tennessee	1970	11-1-0
4.	Dick Crum, Miami (Ohio)	1974	10-0-1
	Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973	10-0-1
6.	Josh Jenkins, Houston	1990	10-1-0
	Dwight Wallace, Ball State	1978	10-1-0
	Chuck Fairbanks, Oklahoma	1967	10-1-0
9.	Mike Archer, LSU	1987	10-1-1
10.	Rick Neuheisel, Colorado	1995	10-2-0
	Curley Hallman, Southern Miss.	1988	10-2-0
	Pat Jones, Oklahoma State	1984	10-2-0
	Earle Bruce, Tampa	1972	10-2-0
	Billy Kinard, Mississippi	1971	10-2-0
—	**Frank Solich, Nebraska**	**1998**	**9-3-0**

Nebraska's Ground Attack Under Solich

Year	YPG	Rank Conf./NCAA	Year	YPG	Rank Conf./NCAA
1983	401.7	1st/1st	**1991**	353.2	1st/1st
1984	311.1	1st/3rd	**1992**	328.2	1st/1st
1985	374.3	1st/1st	**1993**	287.3	1st/3rd
1986	305.5	2nd/2nd	**1994**	340.0	1st/1st
1987	373.5	2nd/3rd	**1995**	399.8	1st/1st
1988	382.3	1st/1st	**1996**	291.9	1st/4th
1989	375.3	1st/1st	**1997**	392.6	1st/1st
1990	340.0	1st/2nd	**1998**	253.8	1st/6th

Note: Solich served as NU's running backs coach from 1983-97.

TDs to rank fourth on the Husker career rushing list with 3,037 yards.

After one season without an all-conference back, the Husker "we-backs" hit the scene in 1991. Derek Brown ran through the opposition for 1,313 yards and 14 TDs as a sophomore and earned first-team All-Big Eight and third-team All-America honors. Also in 1991, Calvin Jones was named Big Eight Freshman-of-the-Year after rushing for 900 yards, including an NU single-game record 294 yards and six TDs at Kansas.

In 1992, Brown and Jones shared time in the Husker backfield and both earned all-league honors. Brown rushed for 1,011 yards, while Jones had 1,210 yards and 14 touchdowns.

After Brown moved on to the NFL following his junior season, Jones was left to carry the load in 1993. Despite an early-season knee injury that ended his Heisman hopes, Jones earned all-conference honors by rushing for 1,043 yards and 12 touchdowns and helped the Huskers to within a missed field goal of a national championship. Jones finished his career with 3,153 yards to rank third in career rushing at Nebraska. He also captured the Big Eight rushing title his final two seasons in Lincoln, the fourth player to wear that crown under Solich, joining Rozier (1983), DuBose (1984) and Keith Jones (1986).

Calvin Jones' early departure to the NFL left the I-back duties in the hands of sophomore Lawrence Phillips in 1994. Phillips responded in record fashion, running for a Nebraska sophomore-record 1,722 yards and 16 touchdowns to earn All-Big Eight and second-team All-America honors. He also finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, the highest for a Nebraska player in 10 seasons.

In 1995, Solich started four different players at the I-back spot, including Green, who set the Husker frosh rushing record. Despite the unsettled situation at I-back, the Huskers didn't miss a beat, averaging just less than 400 yards per game and racking up an NCAA bowl-record 524 yards rushing in the Fiesta Bowl win over Florida.

In his 20 years on the Husker staff, Solich has been one of Nebraska's top recruiters. As an assistant, Solich primarily recruited the eastern part of the United States, but he also has recruiting experience in the Midwest. He has routinely brought prep All-America players to the Heartland. Several players Solich recruited to Nebraska have went on to professional careers, including Irving Fryar, Brian Washington, Mike Croel, Tyrone Legette, Donta Jones and Doug Colman.

His ability to bring top talent to Lincoln was evident in his first recruiting class as head coach. Nebraska's 1998 class was generally regarded as one of the nation's best and included 10 prep All-Americans and players from eight different states, in addition to Canada.

Solich's duties as an assistant coach under Osborne included several administrative roles. From 1983-97, Solich was the director of the University of Nebraska Football Camp and the director of the University of Nebraska Football Coaches Clinic.

Since Solich took over the camp in 1983, the Husker camp numbers tripled to the current enrollment of 1,500 athletes per summer. Solich's work has also made the Nebraska coaches clinic one of the nation's largest events of its kind. When he took over the project in 1983, the average attendance was about 200 high school coaches. The 1998 clinic attracted more than 1,200 coaches from across the nation.

As Osborne's assistant head coach for seven seasons, Solich was the No. 2 spokesperson for the football team. He has represented the Husker football teams in meetings with the NCAA, Big Eight and Big 12 conferences, as well as media gatherings.

Solich is married to the former Pamela Wieck, of Beatrice, and they have two children, Cindy and Jeff (wife, Chara). Cindy and her husband, John Dalton, have a 3-year old daughter, Catherine, and a 1-year old son, Aaron.

Solich Profile

Years at Nebraska: Solich is completing his first season as head coach, his 20th overall on the Nebraska coaching staff. He served the past 15 years as Nebraska's running backs coach after four seasons as the Husker head freshman coach. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and held that position until he was named head coach in December of 1997. Solich is 9-3 (.750) as the Huskers' head coach and Nebraska's record in Solich's 20 years on staff is 209-36-1 (.852). He was named head coach by Director of Athletics Bill Byrne on Dec. 10, 1997, the same day Tom Osborne announced his retirement, effective after the 1998 Orange Bowl game.

Previous Coaching Experience: 1966-68, Holy Name (Neb.) High School (head coach); 1968-79, Southeast (Neb.) High School (head coach).

Playing Career: *High school*—Played football at Cleveland's Holy Name High School, earned All-America, All-Ohio and All-Scholastic honors in 1961. *College*—Football: three years as a fullback at Nebraska, lettering in 1963-64-65; Baseball: 1965 at Nebraska.

Education: Nebraska, B.S., 1966, Nebraska, M. Ed., 1972

Born: Sept. 8, 1944, in Johnstown, Pa.

Childhood: Cleveland, Ohio

Family: Wife, Pamela; Children, Cindy Dalton and Jeff; granddaughter, Catherine; grandson Aaron.

Solich's Running Backs

Heisman Trophy (One): Mike Rozier, 1983. **All-Conference Players (13):** Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80; Andra Franklin, FB, 1980; Roger Craig, IB, 1981; Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-82-83; Jeff Smith, IB, 1984; Doug DuBose, IB, 1984-85; Tom Rathman, FB, 1985; Keith Jones, IB, 1986-87; Ken Clark, IB, 1988-89; Derek Brown, IB, 1991-92; Calvin Jones, IB, 1992-93; Lawrence Phillips, IB, 1994; Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97. **Academic All-Conference Players (Seven):** Jim Kotera, 1980; Ken Kaelin, 1986; Micah Heibel, 1987; Cory Schlesinger, 1994; Brian Schuster, 1996; Billy Legate, 1996-97; Joel Makovicka, 1996-97. **All-America Players (Two):** Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1980; Mike Rozier, IB, 1982-83. **Big Eight Offensive Newcomer/Freshman-of-the-Year (two):** Calvin Jones, IB, 1991; Ahman Green, IB, 1995.

Solich's Basic Coaching Philosophy

"It's important to me as a coach to help players develop to the best of their abilities and to have them understand their responsibilities as a student-athlete. In doing so, you're helping them to grow and mature as a complete person and to prepare themselves for the future."

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Charlie McBride Assistant Coach Defensive Coordinator/Line

A 1996 finalist for the Broyles Assistant Coach-of-the-Year award, Charlie McBride is completing his 22nd season on the Husker staff, and his 17th as the Huskers' defensive coordinator.

McBride's latest honor is a 1998 "Top Assistant Award" from the All-American Football Foundation.

McBride, hailed by *The Sporting News* as the nation's best collegiate defensive line coach in its 1992 preseason annual, put another strong Blackshirt unit on the field in 1998, despite losing two All-Americans from its 1997 front four. The Huskers ranked in the top 25 nationally in three of four major defensive categories this season, including 11th in scoring defense at 15.3 points per game and 16th against the run, allowing 116.8 yards per game.

With a young and banged-up offensive unit throughout 1998, the Husker defense was often called on to come up big in key situations and the Blackshirts came through. Late defensive stands preserved Big 12 Conference victories against Oklahoma State, Missouri and Colorado.

In 1997, McBride's Blackshirt unit played a major role in Nebraska's third national title in four seasons. The Husker defense ranked in the top 12 nationally in three of four major defensive categories and shut down Tennessee's explosive offense in the Orange Bowl to claim a share of the national title.

In addition to the fine play of the Blackshirts as an entire unit, McBride's defensive players racked up individual honors. Rush end Grant Wistrom was a consensus All-American and won the Lombardi Award, given annually to the nation's top lineman. Defensive tackle Jason Peter was an All-America performer and was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, won by NU offensive guard Aaron Taylor.

Wistrom and Peter were both selected in the first 14 picks of the 1998 NFL Draft and are completing their rookie seasons, with the St. Louis Rams and Carolina Panthers, respectively.

In 1996, the Huskers led the Big 12 in three of four defensive categories and ranked in the top seven nationally in all four. The 1996 season marked the second time in four seasons and just the fourth time since 1946 that NU has finished in the top 10 in all four major defensive categories. McBride has directed three of those four defenses.

During Nebraska's back-to-back national championship seasons in 1994 and 1995, McBride's defenses were instrumental in the Huskers' drive for titles. The Blackshirts ranked fourth nationally in total defense, allowing 258.8 yards per game in 1994 and ranked 13th nationally, surrendering 294.1 yards per contest in 1995.

The Husker defenses also dominated in Nebraska's national championship bowl games. In the Huskers' 24-17 win over Miami in the 1995 FedEx Orange Bowl, the Blackshirts held the Hurricanes to just 28 yards rushing. Nebraska recorded 10 tackles for 38 yards lost. In Nebraska's 62-24 win over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, the Blackshirts held the Gators to an incredible minus-28 yards rushing and recorded seven tackles for 40 yards lost.

Since taking over as defensive coordinator in 1982, McBride has watched the Blackshirts rank among the nation's top 15 in both total defense and scoring defense 12 times, including 1984's nation-leading per-game averages of 203.3 yards and 9.5 points. The Blackshirts, who have allowed an average of less than 290 yards and 15 points per game during McBride's tenure, have also led the conference in total defense seven times, most recently in 1996.

He has served as defensive line coach since coming to Nebraska in 1977, and in that time, has produced such standouts as All-American Neil Smith, who starred in the NFL for the Kansas City Chiefs and now the Denver Broncos, and seven-year NFL veteran Danny Noonan. Last season, defensive tackle Jason Peter became the fifth All-American to play on the defensive line for McBride. Peter is also one of 17 all-conference performers to play up front under McBride.

An All-Big Eight end and punter at Colorado, McBride received his bachelor's degree in physical education from CU in 1962, then played one season for the AFL's Denver Broncos. Following his stint with the Broncos, he became head coach at Chicago's Fenger High School, a position he held for the 1963-64 seasons. He returned to Colorado as a graduate assistant in 1965 and 1966. McBride was an assistant coach to Frank Kush at Arizona State for three seasons (1967-69), then went to Wisconsin, where he served as offensive line coach on Coach John Jardine's staff for six seasons (1970-75) and defensive line coach and defensive coordinator for one year (1976).

A Chicago native, McBride was a four-sport standout (football, basketball, baseball and track) at Morgan Park High School where he earned prep All-America honors in football and baseball. He's married to Deborah Anne Denniston of Barrington, Ill., and they have three sons--Mike, Jeff and David, two grandsons, Ryan and Keefe, and a granddaughter, Kelcy.

The McBride File:

Place of Birth: Chicago, Ill. **Family:** Wife, Debbie; Children, Mike, Jeff and David, two grandsons and a granddaughter. **Education:** Colorado, B.S., 1962. **Playing Experience:** 1959-61, Colorado, 1963; Denver Broncos. **Coaching Experience:** 1963-64, Fenger (Ill.) High School (head coach), 1965-66, Colorado (graduate assistant); 1967-69, Arizona State (assistant coach); 1970-76, Wisconsin (assistant coach); 1977-81, Nebraska (assistant coach/defensive line); 1982-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/defensive coordinator/defensive line). **Game Day Assignment:** Field. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri. **All-Conference Players (17):** Rod Horn, DT, 1978-79; Kerry Weinmaster, MG, 1979; David Clark, DT, 1980; Jim Skow, DT, 1985; Danny Noonan, MG, 1986; Chris Spachman, DT, 1986; Tim Rother, DT, 1987; Neil Smith, DT, 1987; Lawrence Pete, MG, 1988; Willie Griffin, DT, 1988; Kent Wells, DT, 1989; Kenny Walker, DT, 1990; John Parrella, DT, 1992; Terry Connealy, NT, 1993; Kevin Ramaekers, DT, 1993; Christian Peter, DT, 1995; Jason Peter, DT, 1996-97. **Academic All-Conference Players (nine):** Rod Horn, 1978-79; Bill Barnett, 1979; Curt Hineline, 1980-81; Rob Stuckey, 1982-83-84; Ken Graeber, 1984; Chris Spachman, 1986; Kenny Walker, 1990; Pat Engelbert, 1990-91; Terry Connealy, 1992-93-94. **All-America Players (Five):** Jim Skow, DT, 1985; Danny Noonan, MG, 1986; Neil Smith, DT, 1987; Kenny Walker, DT, 1990; Jason Peter, DT, 1997. **Academic All-America Players (Four):** Rod Horn, 1979; Rob Stuckey, 1983-84; Pat Engelbert, 1991; Terry Connealy, 1993-94. **Pro Players (16):** Bill Barnett, Miami Dolphins; Rod Horn, Cincinnati Bengals; Henry Waechter, Chicago Bears; Toby Williams, New England Patriots; Jim Skow, Cincinnati Bengals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Seattle Seahawks; Chris Spachman, Phoenix Cardinals; Danny Noonan, Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers; Neil Smith, Kansas City Chiefs, Denver Broncos; Lawrence Pete, Detroit Lions; Kent Wells, Tampa (Arena League); Joe Sims, Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers; Tim Rother, Los Angeles Raiders; Kenny Walker, Denver Broncos, Calgary Stampeders; John Parrella, Buffalo Bills, San Diego Chargers; Christian Peter, New York Giants; Jason Peter, Carolina Panthers. **Others Signing Pro Contracts (nine):** Oudious Lee, St. Louis Cardinals; David Clark, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Dan Pensick, Kansas City Chiefs; Jeff Merrell, San Francisco 49ers; Willie Griffin, Detroit Lions; LeAndre Anderson, San Diego Chargers; Kevin Ramaekers, San Diego Chargers; Terry Connealy, New York Jets; Jeff Ogard, Carolina Panthers.

Blackshirts' Total Defense Rankings

Year	YPG	Rank Conf./NCAA	Year	YPG	Rank Conf./NCAA
1982	290.6	2nd/14th	**1991**	342.9	4th/49th
1983	368.3	4th/73rd	**1992**	309.5	3rd/24th
1984	203.3	1st/1st	**1993**	307.6	1st/12th
1985	279.1	2nd/6th	**1994**	258.8	1st/4th
1986	235.5	2nd/2nd	**1995**	294.1	2nd/13th
1987	264.7	2nd/8th	**1996**	255.4	1st/7th
1988	262.8	1st/6th	**1997**	257.3	2nd/5th
1989	274.1	1st/8th	**1998**	313.7	7th/22nd
1990	263.5	1st/7th			

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Nelson Barnes
Assistant Coach
Rush Ends

The newest member of Nebraska's defensive staff, rush ends coach Nelson Barnes is completing his second season on the Nebraska coaching staff.

Barnes remains the only person in the Big 12 Conference with two football championship rings. He collected his second ring at Nebraska in 1997, after being on the Texas staff when the Longhorns defeated Nebraska for the inaugural league title in 1996. The 1996 title season was Barnes' third and final campaign on Coach John Makovic's Texas staff.

This season, Barnes' bookend rush ends, seniors Mike Rucker and Chad Kelsay both earned second-team All-Big 12 honors. The twosome combined for 125 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and 6.5 quarterback sacks. Off the field, Kelsay was named a first-team Academic All-American, after earning second-team honors as a junior.

Barnes' prize pupil during his first season at Nebraska was Lombardi Award winner Grant Wistrom. The All-American rush end established the Nebraska career record with 57.5 tackles for loss, en route to Big 12 Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors. Wistrom was also a standout in the classroom, earning first-team GTE Academic All-America honors.

At Nebraska, Barnes is responsible for recruiting southern Texas, southern Louisiana, Mississippi and the city of Memphis.

Barnes replaced former Husker assistant Tony Samuel, who left Nebraska after 11 seasons to become the head coach at New Mexico State.

Barnes is familiar with Nebraska, not only from his stay at Texas, but from the 1993 season he spent at Kansas State. In Manhattan, he served as the defensive line coach on Bill Snyder's staff. In 1993, Kansas State posted a 9-2-1 record and posted the school's first bowl victory at the Copper Bowl.

Before his one-year stay at Kansas State, Barnes spent the 1991 and 1992 seasons as the defensive line coach at Western Illinois and assisted the 1991 team to the I-AA playoffs. He also served in the same role at Missouri Western in 1990.

Barnes' collegiate football experience began at the University of North Texas. He served as the defensive line/linebackers coach at the Denton, Texas, school from 1983-89, and was a graduate assistant at the school in 1981 and 1982. During Barnes' years, North Texas qualified for the NCAA I-AA playoffs in 1983, 1987 and 1988, and was ranked first in the nation for part of the 1989 season.

Barnes played at North Texas under Coach Hayden Fry and was a three-year starter for UNT on the defensive line. He helped North Texas to back-to-back 9-2 seasons in 1977 and 1978. Barnes earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from North Texas in 1982.

He is a native of Alvin, Texas.

The Barnes File:

Place of Birth: Galveston, Texas. **Family:** Single. **Education:** University of North Texas, B.A. in industrial arts, 1982. **Playing Experience:** 1976-79, North Texas. **Coaching Experience:** 1981-82, North Texas, (graduate assistant); 1983-89, North Texas (assistant coach/defensive line, linebackers); 1990, Missouri Western (assistant coach/defensive line); 1991-92, Western Illinois (assistant coach/defensive line); 1993, Kansas State (assistant coach/defensive line); 1994-96, Texas (assistant coach/defensive line); 1997-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/rush ends). **Game Day Assignment:** Press Box. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Mississippi, southern Texas, southern Louisiana, Memphis. **All-Conference Players (one):** Grant Wistrom, 1997. **Academic All-Conference Players (four):** Grant Wistrom, 1997; Chad Kelsay, 1997-98; Travis Toline, 1997-98; Kyle Vanden Bosch, 1998. **All-America Players (one):** Grant Wistrom, 1997. **Academic All-America Players (two):** Grant Wistrom, 1997; Chad Kelsay, 1998. **Today's Top Eight (one):** Grant Wistrom, 1997. **Lombardi Award Winner (one):** Grant Wistrom, 1997. **Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Year (one):** Grant Wistrom, 1997.

Craig Bohl
Assistant Coach
Linebackers

Assistant coach Craig Bohl is completing his fourth season as Nebraska's linebackers coach. During Bohl's four seasons on the NU defensive staff the Huskers have finished no worse than 22nd in the nation in total defense.

Bohl rejoined the Husker football program in the spring of 1995. The Lincoln native played for the Huskers under Coach Tom Osborne from 1977 through 1979. He also served as a graduate assistant at Nebraska from 1981 through 1983.

During the 1998 season, Bohl directed a Husker defense that finished 11th nationally in scoring defense and 16th against the run. This year's Husker linebacking corps was led by senior middle 'backer Jay Foreman. A three-year starter, Foreman was a Butkus semifinalist and a second-team All-Big 12 selection, according to the Associated Press. Foreman finished second on the team with 97 tackles and recorded seven tackles for loss.

Another of Bohl's top linebackers, junior SAM linebacker Brian Shaw, earned numerous academic honors this fall. Shaw, who carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in animal science, was a second-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic-All America selection.

In his first three seasons, Bohl helped direct a Blackshirt defense that played a major role in winning national titles in 1995 and 1997. The Husker defense ranked in the top 10 in all four major defensive categories in 1996 and was among the top 12 in three of four categories in 1997.

A 1981 Nebraska graduate, Bohl is one of four former Husker players on the Nebraska coaching staff, joining Head Coach Frank Solich, quarterbacks coach Turner Gill and Dave Gillespie, who coaches the Husker running backs. A 14-year collegiate coaching veteran, Bohl spent the 1994 campaign as the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at Duke, and was part of one of college football's biggest turnarounds. Bohl helped the Blue Devils to an 8-4 mark in 1994, a five-game improvement from 1993, and the school's first bowl appearance since 1989.

Before moving to Duke with Coach Fred Goldsmith, Bohl spent five seasons as Goldsmith's defensive coordinator at Rice. During his tenure on the Owls' sideline, three of his linebackers earned All-Southwest Conference honors.

Before his stint at Rice, Bohl spent two seasons (1987-88) at Wisconsin as linebackers coach, a pair of campaigns (1985-86) coaching linebackers at Tulsa and a season (1984) as the secondary coach at North Dakota State. He began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Nebraska from 1981 through 1983. In his first coaching stint with the Huskers, Bohl worked with the defensive backs and linebackers.

Bohl was a reserve in the Husker secondary from 1977 through 1979. As a defensive back, he played on NU's 1979 Orange Bowl and 1980 Cotton Bowl squads. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1981.

Bohl is married to the former Deanna Hauptman of Nebraska City, and they have 7-year-old twin daughters, Mallory and Morgan, and a 4-year old son Aaron. Deanna graduated from Nebraska in 1983 with a marketing degree.

The Bohl File:

Place of Birth: Lincoln, Neb. **Family:** Wife, Deanna; Children, twin daughters Mallory and Morgan, son Aaron. **Education:** Nebraska, bachelor's degree in business administration, 1981. **Playing Experience:** 1977-79, Nebraska. **Coaching Experience:** 1981-83 Nebraska (graduate assistant/linebackers and defensive backs); 1984, North Dakota State (assistant coach/secondary); 1985-86, Tulsa (assistant coach/linebackers); 1987-88, Wisconsin (assistant coach/linebackers); 1989-93 Rice (assistant coach/defensive coordinator); 1994, Duke (assistant coach/defensive coordinator and linebackers); 1995-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/linebackers). **Game Day Assignment:** Field. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and deep South, half of Houston, San Antonio. **All-Conference Players (two):** Terrell Farley, 1995; Jon Hesse, 1996. **Academic All-Conference Players (five):** Ryan Terwilliger, 1995; Brian Shaw, 1997-98; Ben Buettenback, 1998; Jamie Burrow, 1998. **Big Eight Defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year:** Terrell Farley, 1995. **Pro Players (three):** Doug Colman, New York Giants; Jon Hesse, Green Bay Packers, Denver Broncos; Terrell Farley, Saskatchewan (CFL).

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Ron Brown
Assistant Coach
Receivers

Ron Brown is completing his 12th season as the Huskers' receivers coach. His receivers, noted as excellent perimeter blockers, have helped Nebraska to seven NCAA rushing titles in the last 11 seasons. In addition, the NU receiving corps has led the league in touchdown receptions three times during his tenure.

This season, Husker tight end Sheldon Jackson was an AP first-team All-Big 12 selection. In addition, split end Matt Davison was an honorable-mention all-league choice by the Big 12 coaches and wingback Shevin Wiggins was a third-team All-Big 12 choice as a kick returner. Davison, a sophomore, broke the single-game school receiving record with 167 yards on 10 receptions at Texas A&M. Davison caught 32 passes this season, the first Husker to reach the 30-catch mark since tight end Johnny Mitchell in 1991.

Twenty of Brown's former pupils have gone on to pro careers, including Mitchell, the New York Jets' 1992 first-round draft pick, and Tyrone Hughes, who was a two-time NFL Pro Bowl selection with the New Orleans Saints.

In Brown's tenure at Nebraska, an average of two Husker receivers each season have been either drafted or signed free agent contracts.

Brown joined Nebraska's staff after a four-year stint at Brown University in Providence, R.I. He spent one season as the Bears' head freshman coach in 1983, then moved up to the varsity staff and tutored the defensive backs for three seasons. He also served as the assistant to the athletic director in 1986.

A standout defensive back at Brown in the late 1970s and a member of the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Brown received his bachelor's degree from Brown in 1979, then earned his master's degree in health administration from Columbia University in 1982. He began his coaching career as defensive coordinator for the semi-pro New Jersey Rams in 1982, before moving to his alma mater in 1983.

Coach Brown hosts a weekly statewide Christian radio show across Nebraska. Brown authored a book on Nebraska's 1994 national championship season entitled *Unfinished Business*. Recently Brown has finished a booklet entitled *The Mark of a Champion*, which highlights championship principles in life. Arthur L. Lindsay has written two books about Brown entitled *I Can* and *I Can 2*, the second of which was completed in 1998. Brown is a speaker and writer for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serves as the FCA's national spokesman for race reconciliation and writes a column in FCA's national magazine, *Sharing the Victory*. Brown and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-presidents of a Christian ministry called "Mission Nebraska." The organization will continue to run seven Christian camps for lower income children throughout Nebraska and Iowa.

Brown is married to Molvina Carter of San Diego, and they have two daughters, 3-year-old Sojourner Elaine, and Bronwyn, who was born this past July.

The Brown File:

Place of Birth: New York City, N.Y. **Family:** Wife, Molvina Carter; **Daughters:** Sojourner and Bronwyn. **Education:** Martha's Vineyard High School in Oak Bluffs, Mass., Brown, B.A. in sociology, 1979; Columbia, master's in health administration, 1982. **Playing Experience:** 1975-78, Brown. **Coaching Experience:** 1982, New Jersey Rams (defensive coordinator); 1983, Brown (head freshman coach); 1984-86, Brown (assistant coach); 1987-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/receivers). **Administrative Experience:** 1986, Brown, Assistant to the A.D. **Game Day Assignment:** Field. **Recruiting Emphasis:** San Diego, Spokane, Arizona, and Mountain states. **All-Conference Players (Five):** Dana Brinson, WB, 1988; Todd Millikan, TE, 1988; Johnny Mitchell, TE, 1990-91; Jon Bostick, SE, 1991; Sheldon Jackson, TE, 1998. **Academic All-Conference Players (10):** Tom Banderas, 1987; Jon Bostick, 1991; Johnny Mitchell, 1991; Matt Shaw, 1994; Mark Gilman, 1995; Lance Brown, 1996-97-98; Jeff Lake, 1996-97; T.J. DeBates, 1997-98; Sean Applegate, 1998; Matt Davison, 1998. **Academic All-Americans (One):** Matt Shaw, 1994. **Pro Players (Five):** Keith Neubert, N.Y. Jets; Richard Bell, Pittsburgh Steelers; Nate Turner, Buffalo Bills; Johnny Mitchell, N.Y. Jets; Tyrone Hughes, New Orleans Saints, Chicago Bears. **Others Signing Pro Contracts (15):** Tom Banderas, Washington Redskins; Von Sheppard, Minnesota Vikings; Rod Smith, L.A. Raiders; Dana Brinson, San Diego Chargers; Todd Millikan, Chicago Bears; Morgan Gregory, N.E. Patriots; Jon Bostick, Denver Broncos; Hendley Hawkins, Cleveland Browns; Corey Dixon, Atlanta Falcons; Trumane Bell, Denver Broncos; Eric Alford, N.E. Patriots; Gerald Armstrong, Hamilton (CFL); Mark Gilman, Cincinnati Bengals; Vershan Jackson, Seattle Seahawks; Jeff Lake, Arizona Cardinals.

George Darlington
Assistant Coach
Secondary

George Darlington, the dean of the Nebraska coaching staff, is the only remaining member of Tom Osborne's original Husker staff. Darlington is in his 26th season at Nebraska, and his 13th as the Huskers' secondary coach after tutoring the defensive ends for 13 seasons.

Darlington was the recipient of a 1998 All-American Football Foundation "Top Assistant Award."

A former State of Nebraska FCA Coach-of-the-Year, Darlington helped develop four All-America defensive ends--George Andrews, Jimmy Williams, Derrie Nelson and Bob Martin, and he's had at least one first-team all-conference defensive back for 11 straight seasons.

In 1998, junior cornerback Ralph Brown earned first-team All-Big 12 honors for the second straight season. Brown was recognized as a third-team All-American by *Football News*. As a freshman in 1996, Brown earned conference defensive freshman-of-the-year honors. Junior rover Mike Brown was second-team all-league selection for the second straight year.

In 1996, three members of Darlington's secondary were NFL draft picks, including Michael Booker, who went to Atlanta with the 11th overall pick. Mike Minter was a second-round pick, while Eric Stokes went in the fifth round. In the last three years, Darlington has had six defensive backs earn spots on NFL teams, including Tyrone Williams, a starter for the Green Bay Packers, Tony Veland of the Carolina Panthers and Eric Warfield, a seventh-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1998.

Before joining Osborne's staff in 1973, Darlington spent four seasons as an assistant at San Jose State. He coached two years at Johnson Regional High School in Clark, N.J., then started his college coaching career at Lebanon Valley (Pa.) College before going to San Jose State. A 1961 graduate of Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in history and physical education, Darlington earned his master's degree from Stanford in 1962. While at Rutgers, he lettered in football in 1959 and 1960, and lettered twice in lacrosse, earning third-team All-America honors in 1961. George and his wife, Susan, have three children, Lisa, David and Julia, and four grandchildren.

The Darlington File:

Place of Birth: Charleston, W. Va. **Family:** Wife, Susan; Children, Lisa, David and Julia, four grandchildren. **Education**: Rutgers, B.S. history and physical education, 1961; Stanford, M.A. Education, 1962. **Playing Experience:** 1959-60, Rutgers (football); 1960-61, Rutgers (lacrosse). **Coaching Experience:** 1962-63, Johnson (N.J.) Regional High School (assistant coach); 1964-67, Lebanon (Pa.) Valley (assistant coach); 1968, Dartmouth College (assistant coach); 1969-72, San Jose State (assistant coach); 1973-85, Nebraska (assistant coach/defensive ends); 1986-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/defensive backs). **Game Day Assignment:** Press Box. **Recruiting Emphasis:** California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Europe. **All-Conference Players (19):** Steve Manstedt, DE, 1973; Bob Martin, DE, 1974-75; Ray Phillips, DE, 1976; George Andrews, DE, 1978; Derrie Nelson, DE, 1979-80; Jimmy Williams, DE, 1981; Tony Felici, DE, 1981-82; Scott Strasburger, DE, 1984; Bill Weber, DE, 1984; Charles Fryar, CB, 1988; Tim Jackson, S, 1988; Reggie Cooper, SS, 1989-90; Bruce Pickens, CB, 1989-90; Tyrone Legette, CB, 1991; Tyrone Byrd, FS, 1992; Barron Miles, CB, 1993-94; Tyrone Williams, CB, 1994-95; Mike Minter, Rover, 1996; Ralph Brown, CB, 1997-98. **Academic All-Conference Players (13):** Steve Manstedt, 1973; George Andrews, 1977-78; Bill Weber, 1982-83-84; Scott Strasburger, 1983-84; Scott Tucker, 1985; Brad Smith, 1985; Bryan Siebler, 1986; Jeff Tomjack, 1987; Mark Blazek, 1987-88; Eric Stokes, 1995-96; David Alderman, 1996; Mike Brown, 1997-98; Greg McGraw, 1998. **All-America Players (Four):** Bob Martin, DE, 1975; George Andrews, DE, 1978; Derrie Nelson, DE, 1980; Jimmy Williams, DE, 1981. **Academic All-America Players (Four):** George Andrews, 1978; Bill Weber, 1982; Scott Strasburger, 1983-84; Mark Blazek, 1987-88. **Big 12 Defensive Freshman-of-the-Year (one):** Ralph Brown, CB, 1996. **Toyota Leader-of-the-Year (One):** Mark Blazek, 1988. **Pro Players (18):** Jimmy Williams, Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Derrie Nelson, San Diego Chargers; Brian Davis, Washington Redskins, Seattle Seahawks, San Diego Chargers, Minnesota Vikings; Brian Washington, Cleveland Browns, New York Jets, Kansas City Chiefs; Charles Fryar, Barcelona Dragons; Tim Jackson, Dallas Cowboys, Barcelona Dragons, Hamilton Tiger Cats; Reggie Cooper, Dallas Cowboys; Tyrone Legette, New Orleans Saints; Bruce Pickens, Atlanta Falcons, Kansas City Chiefs; John Reece, Arizona Cardinals, Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Rams; Toby Wright, St. Louis Rams; Barron Miles, Pittsburgh Steelers; Tyrone Williams, Green Bay Packers; Tony Veland, Denver Broncos; Michael Booker, Atlanta Falcons; Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers; Eric Stokes, Seattle Seahawks; Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs. **Others Signing Pro Contracts (Five):** Tahaun Lewis, Kansas City Chiefs; Curtis Cotton, Los Angeles Raiders; Kenny Wilhite, Chicago Bears; Steve Carmer, Houston Oilers; Kareem Moss, Houston Oilers.

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Turner Gill
Assistant Coach
Quarterbacks

Former Husker signal caller Turner Gill is completing his seventh season as Nebraska's quarterback coach. Gill returned to his alma mater in August of 1992 after spending the 1991 season as receivers coach at Southern Methodist.

This season, Nebraska was forced to start three different quarterbacks because of injuries. Sophomore Bobby Newcombe opened the season as the starter and made six starts, but was slowed by a knee injury throughout the year. Redshirt freshman Eric Crouch made five starts, including the season's final three games, while former walk-on Monte Christo started NU's game with Texas. Despite the unsettled situation at quarterback, Nebraska remained one of the league's top offenses, finishing fourth in total offense and tops in the Big 12 and sixth in the nation in rushing. Gill also made the transition from the field to the press box on game day.

In 1997, NU quarterback Scott Frost became the first Husker and only the 10th quarterback in NCAA history to pass and run for 1,000 yards in the same season. Frost accounted for 2,332 yards total offense, the second-best single-season total in school history, trailing Jerry Tagge's 1971 total by one yard.

In 1995, Husker signal caller Tommie Frazier was a consensus first-team All-American, won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, finished as the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy and was a Davey O'Brien Award finalist. Frazier also became Gill's first all-conference quarterback in four seasons at Nebraska and set numerous Nebraska records, including the career total offense record. He was also a three-time bowl MVP, including the 1996 Fiesta Bowl and 1995 Orange Bowl, when Frazier led NU to national titles.

In his rookie season on the coaching staff, Gill watched as Frazier became the first player in Nebraska history to start at quarterback as a true freshman in 1992 and went on to earn Big Eight Newcomer-of-the-Year.

As NU's starting quarterback from 1981 to 1983, Gill led the Huskers to a 28-2 mark, including a 20-0 league record, and three conference titles. A three-time All-Big Eight pick and a second-team All-American as a senior, Gill was the catalyst of the high-octane 1983 offense, a season in which NU I-back Mike Rozier won the Heisman Trophy and Gill finished fourth in the voting for the award. The 1983 team finished 12-1 and second in the final polls. In his four-year career (1980-83), Gill completed 231 of 428 passes for 3,317 yards, 34 touchdowns and a .540 completion percentage. He rushed for 1,317 yards and 18 TDs to finish fourth on NU's all-time total offense chart with 4,634 yards.

A talented all-around athlete, Gill spent two seasons with the CFL's Montreal Concordes (1984-85) and three years (1986-88) in the Cleveland and Detroit minor league baseball systems. He left baseball and returned to his native state to the University of North Texas in 1990, where he was a volunteer assistant football coach and earned a B.A. in behavior analysis.

Gill returned to Nebraska and served as a graduate assistant on the Huskers' 1990 staff, then moved to SMU as a graduate assistant for the 1991 campaign. He took graduate courses at each school. Gill returned to Nebraska before the 1992 season after SMU had elevated him to a full-time coaching position. He is married to the former Gayle DeBrie, of Kearney, Neb., and they have two daughters, Jordan, 8, and Margaux, 4.

The Gill File:

Place of Birth: Fort Worth, Texas. **Family:** Wife, Gayle; Daughters, Jordan and Margaux. **Education:** University of North Texas, B.A. in behavior analysis, 1990; has taken graduate courses at Nebraska and SMU. **Playing Experience:** 1980-83, Nebraska; 1984-85, Montreal Concordes; 1986-88, Cleveland and Detroit minor league baseball systems. **Coaching Experience:** 1989, (volunteer assistant coach) North Texas; 1990, Nebraska (graduate assistant coach); 1991, Southern Methodist (graduate assistant/receivers); 1992-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/quarterbacks). **Game Day Assignment:** Press Box. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Arkansas, north Louisiana, north Texas, eastern Texas. **All-Conference Player (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Academic All-Conference Players (four):** Brook Berringer, 1995; Matt Turman, 1996; Scott Frost, 1996-97; Monte Christo, 1998. **All-America Player (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Johnny Unitas Award Winner (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Davey O'Brien Finalist (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Heisman Finalist (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Big Eight Offensive Player-of-the-Year (one):** Tommie Frazier, 1995. **Conference Offensive Newcomer-of-the-Year (two):** Tommie Frazier, 1992; Scott Frost, 1996. **Pro Players (two):** Tommie Frazier, Montreal (CFL); Scott Frost, New York Jets.

Dave Gillespie
Assistant Coach
Running Backs

Dave Gillespie, the newest member of the Husker football coaching staff, is completing his first season on the NU sideline. Gillespie is a familiar face in the Nebraska camp.

Head Coach Frank Solich hired Gillespie to replace him as assistant coach for the Huskers in charge of running backs. In addition to his on-field duties, Gillespie is responsible for the evaluation of recruits.

In his first season at Nebraska, Gillespie helped Nebraska to a Big 12 rushing title, despite numerous injuries in the backfield. Three different players started at I-back for Gillespie, while senior Joel Makovicka was a mainstay at fullback. In 1998, Makovicka moved up to third on the fullback career rushing list and set the school record for touchdowns by a fullback.

Gillespie's Nebraska ties are strong. He played running back for the Huskers from 1974 to 1976 early in Tom Osborne's coaching career. He began his coaching career in the Nebraska high school ranks, serving as an assistant coach at Lincoln High School from 1978 to 1981 before moving to Hastings High as head coach from 1982 to 1984. Gillespie rejoined the Nebraska staff as a graduate assistant for Osborne in the 1985 season and served as the Huskers' administrative assistant and recruiting coordinator from 1986 to 1993.

He returned to Nebraska after four seasons on the staff at the University of Kansas. He served as a Jayhawk assistant for three seasons (1994-96) under Glen Mason. He worked with the tight ends in 1994, before serving as defensive line coach in 1995-96. In 1997, Gillespie served as an administrative assistant for first-year Jayhawk coach Terry Allen.

Gillespie earned three letters as an I-back for the Huskers and earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska in 1977. He received his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Nebraska in 1986.

During his eight-year span as recruiting coordinator at Nebraska (1986-93), Gillespie assisted in the recruitment of 15 All-Americans, which included three Outland Trophy winners (Will Shields, Zach Wiegert and Aaron Taylor), one Butkus Award winner (Trev Alberts), one Heisman Trophy runner-up (Tommie Frazier) and one Lombardi Award winner (Grant Wistrom). His last Husker recruiting class (1993) posted a 60-3 five-year record, winning three national championships.

Gillespie is married to the former Anne Van Pelt and they have three daughters, Katie, 17, Nicole, 14, and Emily, 11. Gillespie was born in San Jose, Calif., and graduated from Westmont High School in San Jose in 1973.

The Gillespie File:

Place of Birth: Campbell, Calif. **Family:** Wife, Anne; Daughters, Katie, Nicole, Emily. **Education:** B.S. in education, Nebraska, 1977, master's in educational administration, Nebraska, 1986. **Playing Experience:** 1973-76, Nebraska; 1977-78, Tried out with Pittsburgh Steelers. **Coaching Experience:** 1978-81, Lincoln (Neb.) High School (assistant coach); 1982-84, Hastings (Neb.) High School (head coach); 1985-86, Nebraska (graduate assistant); 1986-93, Nebraska (administrative assistant/recruiting coordinator); 1994-97, Kansas (assistant coach/tight ends, defensive line, administrative assistant). **Game Day Assignment:** Field. **Recruiting Emphasis:** New England states, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, eastern Canada and eastern Kansas. **Academic All-Conference Players (two):** Joel Makovicka, 1998; Billy Legate, 1998. **Academic All-America Players (one):** Joel Makovicka, 1998.

The Nebraska Coaching Staff

Milt Tenopir
Assistant Coach
Offensive Line

Milt Tenopir is completing his 25th season with the Huskers and has the second-longest tenure on the NU staff. No college football program can boast the honors which Nebraska's offensive linemen have piled up during his tenure.

In 1998, an inexperienced Nebraska offensive line paved the way for yet another Big 12 rushing title, as NU averaged 253.8 yards per game on the ground. Senior center Josh Heskew was the anchor of NU's 1998 line and earned first team All-Big 12 honors for his work.

Under Tenopir's guidance, Nebraska has produced six Outland Trophy winners, including offensive guard Aaron Taylor in 1997, and a pair of Lombardi Award honorees. Taylor also earned first-team All-America honors, becoming the first Husker to earn first team All-America honors at two different positions. In 1996, Taylor earned first-team honors at center. With Taylor leading the charge at guard last season, Tenopir's line led the nation in rushing for the fifth time in the 1990s, rushing for 392.6 yards per game. The NCAA rushing title in 1997 was the 11th with Tenopir at the helm of the "Husker Pipeline".

In all, Tenopir has coached 18 All-Americans, 11 Academic All-Americans, plus 44 all-conference players. The Huskers produced an unprecedented three straight Outland winners in Dave Rimington (1981-82) and Dean Steinkuhler (1983) and have now won three of the last seven awards with Taylor (1997), Zach Wiegert (1994) and Will Shields (1992).

Tenopir posted a 76-34-1 record as a high school coach in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska before joining Coach Tom Osborne's staff in 1974.

A native of Harvard, Neb., and a graduate of Harvard High School, Tenopir received his bachelor's degree from Sterling (Kan.) College in 1961 and took graduate studies at Kansas State, Adams State and Western State. Milt is the father of three grown children, Kim, Todd and Pamela, and has five grandchildren. He is married to the former Terri Richardson, and is the stepfather to two children, Dana, 18, and Daniel, 15.

The Tenopir File:

Place of Birth: Harvard, Neb. **Family:** Wife, Terri; Children, Kim, Todd, Pamela, Dana and Daniel, five grandchildren. **Education:** B.S. Sterling College, 1961. **Playing Experience:** 1958-61, Sterling College. **Coaching Experience:** 1962-74, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas high schools; 1974-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/offensive line). **Game Day Assignment:** Press Box. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, west Kansas and west Texas. **All-America Players (18):** Rik Bonness, C, 1974-75; Marvin Crenshaw, OT, 1975; Tom Davis, C, 1977; Kelvin Clark, OT, 1978; Randy Schleusener, OG, 1980; Dave Rimington, C, 1981-82; Dean Steinkuhler, OG, 1983; Mark Traynowicz, C, 1984; Harry Grimminger, OG, 1984; Bill Lewis, C, 1985; John McCormick, OG, 1987; Jake Young, C, 1988-89; Doug Glaser, OT, 1989; Will Shields, OG, 1992; Zach Wiegert, OT, 1994; Brenden Stai, OG, 1994; Aaron Graham, C, 1995; Aaron Taylor, C/OG, 1996-97. **Academic All-America Players (11):** Kelly Saalfeld, 1979; Randy Schleusener, 1979-80; Randy Theiss, 1981-82; Dave Rimington, 1981-82; Mark Traynowicz, 1984; Tom Welter, 1986; Jake Young, 1989; David Edeal, 1990; Jim Wanek, 1990; Rob Zatechka, 1993-94; Aaron Graham, 1995. **Outland Trophy Winners (Six):** Dave Rimington, 1981-82; Dean Steinkuhler, 1983; Will Shields, 1992; Zach Wiegert, 1994; Aaron Taylor, 1997. **Lombardi Award Winners (Two):** Dave Rimington, 1982; Dean Steinkuhler, 1983. **Lombardi Award Finalists:** Zach Wiegert, 1994. **Today's Top Eight (Six):** Randy Schleusener, 1981; Dave Rimington, 1981; Mark Traynowicz, 1985; Jake Young, 1990; Rob Zatechka, 1994; Aaron Graham, 1995. **Pro Players (17):** Dave Rimington, Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles; Dean Steinkuhler, Houston Oilers; Mark Traynowicz, Buffalo Bills, Arizona Cardinals; Bill Lewis, L.A. Raiders, Arizona Cardinals, New England Patriots; Mark Behning, Pittsburgh Steelers; Stan Waldemore, New York Jets; Tom Welter, St. Louis Cardinals, Arizona Cardinals; Keven Lightner, Montreal Machine; Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs; Lance Lundberg, New Orleans Saints; Zach Wiegert, St. Louis Rams; Brenden Stai, Pittsburgh Steelers; Rob Zatechka, New York Giants; Aaron Graham, Arizona Cardinals; Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders; Chris Dishman, Arizona Cardinals; Aaron Taylor, Chicago Bears. **Others Signing Pro Contracts (Five):** John McCormick, Miami Dolphins; Jim Scott, Chicago Bears; Eric Anderson, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Fred Pollack, St. Louis Rams; Jon Zatechka, Arizona Cardinals.

For a full listing of Tenopir's all-conference and academic all-conference players, please see page 59 of the 1998 Nebraska Football guide.

1998 All-Conference Players: Josh Heskew, C; **1998 Academic All-Conference Players:** Ben Gessford, Adam Julch, James Sherman, Dave Volk, Brandt Wade.

Dan Young
Assistant Coach
Off. Line & Kickers

Dan Young is finishing his 16th season on the Nebraska coaching staff and his 13th as the Huskers' offensive line and kicking coach.

The play of the Nebraska offensive line and special teams has been a key to the Huskers' three national titles in five seasons. This season, place-kicker Kris Brown broke the school's all-time scoring record and became the NCAA's all-time leader in PAT's made and attempted (tied). Brown was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by the league's coaches. Punter Bill Lafleur played a key role for NU this season. Lafleur set a single-season school record with a 44.9-yard punting average and helped Nebraska to a seventh-place finish in net punting at 39.4 yards per kick. Lafleur was selected to the All-Big 12 third team by the league's coaches.

Both of Young's kickers this season were also honored for their work in the classroom. Lafleur was a first-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic-All American, while Brown was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 choice.

Young also played a part in the coaching of a young NU offensive line in 1998. Despite the youth of the line, Nebraska once again led the Big 12 in rushing, aveaging 253.8 yards per game. While Young has helped with the offensive line, the Huskers have won eight NCAA rushing titles and three NU offensive linemen have won the Outland Trophy.

Young became an offensive line coach with Milt Tenopir when Cletus Fischer retired after the 1985 season, and he is in charge of the Husker punters and place-kickers. Young spent three years as head freshman/junior varsity coach, posting a 14-1-0 record, before joining the varsity staff.

Young came to NU after six highly successful seasons as the head coach at Omaha's Westside High School, where his Warriors were 55-11-0 from 1977-82, reached the state championship game three times, and posted back-to-back 12-0-0 state championship seasons in 1981 and 1982. Young began his coaching career as head coach at Barneston (Neb.) High School from 1962 to 64 (25-3-0). After a year as an assistant coach at St. Paul (Neb.) High School, he served as an assistant at Westside for 11 seasons.

A graduate of Primrose, (Neb.), High School, Young received his bachelor's degree from Kearney State in 1962. He has done graduate work at NU, UNO, Missouri, and Reed College, and earned his master's degree in liberal studies from Reed in 1972. He has a son, Jeff, a daughter, Kris, and four grandchildren. Dan and his wife, Ronda, were married in the summer of 1995.

The Young File:

Place of Birth: Primrose, Neb. **Family:** Wife, Ronda; Children, Jeff, Kris; four grandchildren. **Education:** B.S. Kearney State, 1962; M.S. in liberal studies from Reed College, 1972. **Playing Experience:** 1959-62, Kearney State. **Coaching Experience:** 1962-64, Barneston (Neb.) High School (head coach); 1965, St. Paul (Neb.) High School (assistant coach); 1966-76, Omaha (Neb.) Westside High School (assistant coach); 1977-82, Omaha (Neb.) Westside High School (head coach); 1983-85, Nebraska (head freshman coach) 1986-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/offensive line and kickers). **Game Day Assignment:** Field. **Recruiting Emphasis:** Alaska, Nebraska and Midwest states. **All-America Players (Eight):** John McCormick, OG, 1987; Jake Young, C, 1988-89; Doug Glaser, OT, 1989; Will Shields, OG, 1992.; Zach Wiegert, OT, 1994; Brenden Stai, OG, 1994; Aaron Graham, C, 1995; Aaron Taylor, C/OG, 1996-97. **Academic All-America Players (10):** Tom Welter, 1986; Dale Klein, 1986; John Kroeker, 1988; Jake Young, 1989; David Edeal, 1990; Jim Wanek, 1990; Mike Stigge, 1991-92; Rob Zatechka, 1993-94, Aaron Graham, 1995; Bill Lafleur, 1998. **Outland Trophy Winners (Three):** Will Shields, 1992; Zach Wiegert, 1994; Aaron Taylor, 1997. **Today's Top Eight (Three):** Jake Young, 1990; Rob Zatechka, 1994; Aaron Graham, 1995. **Pro Players (11):** Tom Welter, St. Louis Cardinals; Keven Lightner, Montreal Machine (WFAL); Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs; Lance Lundberg, New Orleans Saints; Zach Wiegert, St. Louis Rams; Brenden Stai, Pittsburgh Steelers; Rob Zatechka, New York Giants; Aaron Graham, Arizona Cardinals; Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders; Chris Dishman, Arizona Cardinals; Aaron Taylor, Chicago Bears. **Others Who Signed Pro Contracts (Five):** John McCormick, Miami Dolphins; Jim Scott, Chicago Bears; Eric Anderson, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Fred Pollack, St. Louis Rams; Jon Zatechka, Arizona Cardinals.

For a full listing of Young's all-conference and academic all-conference players, please see page 60 of the 1998 Nebraska Football guide.

1998 All-Conference Players: Josh Heskew, C; **1998 Academic All-Conference Players:** Bill Lafleur, Kris Brown, Ben Gessford, Adam Julch, James Sherman, Dave Volk, Brandt Wade.

University Administration & Regents

Dr. James Moeser Chancellor

James Moeser became the chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Feb. 1, 1996. He holds the rank of professor of music. Since arriving, Moeser (pronounced MEE-zer) has promoted an ambitious agenda. He has emphasized undergraduate education, keeping Nebraska's best students in Nebraska. He is working to increase the rigor of Nebraska's undergraduate curriculum while improving student recruitment and retention. He is especially interested in expanding the Honors Program with more courses, scholarships and residential learning experiences.

His second goal is to build world-class programs in areas Nebraska has identified as strengths. He promotes efficient business practices to generate savings to be channeled into potentially pre-eminent programs.

Moeser is committed to developing the character and values of students. He believes the university's role is not to dictate those values but assist students in developing their own value systems. He is committed to building an academic community diverse in culture, national origin and gender.

He began his academic career at Kansas in 1966 as an assistant professor and chairman of the department of organ. Moeser worked his way through the academic ranks until being named Dean of the School of Fine Arts. He was named Althaus Distinguished Professor of Organ in 1984, the first academic dean at Kansas ever to be named to a distinguished professorship. He was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State in 1986 and was executive director of University Arts Services in charge of Penn State's cultural programs. He became Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at South Carolina in 1992.

Born and raised in Texas, Moeser earned a bachelor of music degree with honors in 1961 and a master's of music in 1964 from Texas at Austin. He completed advanced study in Berlin and Paris under a Fulbright grant and earned a doctor of musical arts from Michigan in 1967. He has an international reputation as a concert organist and concertized until 1993. He was president of the American Guild of Organists and vice president from 1986 to 1990.

Chancellor Moeser's wife, Susan Dickerson Moeser, also holds a doctor of musical arts degree and is a faculty member in the UNL School of Music with an active concert organ schedule. Moeser is the father of two children, one is a college student in Kansas, and the other is a journalist in Phoenix.

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Student Regent

Sara Russell,
UN-Lincoln
Student Regent

Joseph Sanchez,
UN-Omaha
Student Regent

Nebraska Athletic Administration

Director of Athletics Bill Byrne

In his sixth year at Nebraska, Bill Byrne continues to lead and improve one of the nation's best athletic programs. Byrne became the 11th Nebraska Director of Athletics on June 26, 1992, replacing the legendary Bob Devaney.

He came to Nebraska following 10 successful years at the University of Oregon. Highly respected among his peers, Byrne was elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the College Football Association. He is a member of the NCAA Legislative Strategic Planning Cabinet and has served on the NCAA Special Committee on Marketing and Licensing and the Committee on Special Events. He has worked tirelessly to establish close ties with the NU community and Husker fans. Byrne has canvassed the state visiting with boosters and fans to learn the needs of all Husker supporters.

Among his many accomplishments at Nebraska, Byrne has continually upgraded facilities, including the addition of two HuskerVision replay boards at Memorial Stadium in 1994. Besides becoming the first collegiate-owned venue to feature replay boards for its fans, Memorial Stadium was renovated to include a state-of-the-art training room, expanded locker rooms for coaches and players, a new public address system, expanded restrooms and expanded concession areas. Section 14 was rebuilt in 1994 to offer increased seating for disabled fans.

Byrne's future plans ensure that NU's facilities remain the nation's best for Husker athletes and fans. He enlisted the Kansas City, Mo., firm of HOK Sports to develop a master facilities plan for the athletic program. A new press box and sky boxes are part of the renovation plans for Memorial Stadium, along with an expanded main concourse area. The East Stadium Plaza is being developed, while waterproofing and concrete repair continues throughout the stadium. The $2.9 million indoor track renovation at the Bob Devaney Sports Center will begin, while the Ed Weir Outdoor Track will be resurfaced. The Abbott Sports Complex also received a new press facility for women's soccer.

In 1997-98, the Devaney Center received a new locker room for women's staff, a new roof over the pool area and the central concessions area was remodeled. The NU Softball Complex received a new press box and exit plaza, while a new volleyball ready room was constructed in the NU Coliseum. A shooting range was devised for the women's rifle team in the Military and Naval Science Building. The Athletic Ticket Office relocated to the Stadium Drive Parking Garage, along with the new Huskers Authentic retail store, and the Athletic Marketing and Development offices moved to the South Stadium Office Building. In 1996-97, the Devaney Center received a new sound system, weight room, women's basketball locker room and a passenger elevator, and Buck Beltzer Stadium received new infield turf. The computer center in the Boekel Academic Center also tripled in size.

Byrne's leadership has kept the Huskers among the nation's elite. In fact, during the 1997-98 season, Nebraska:

◆ became only the second school in NCAA history to win three football national championships in a four-year span.

◆ recorded its fourth consecutive top 10 finish in the Sears Directors' Cup standings, with a ninth-place showing in Division I, the best showing of any Big 12 Conference school.

◆ won six Big 12 championships (football, women's swimming and diving, women's gymnastics, softball, men's indoor and outdoor track and field).

◆ finished in the top 10 nationally in seven sports (men's: football, gymnastics; women's: softball, volleyball, soccer, outdoor track and field and bowling.

◆ won its 19th consecutive conference all-sports crown.

With Byrne's leadership, Nebraska became the first Big Eight school to add women's soccer as a varsity sport in 1994. Byrne continues to expand opportunities for Husker athletes. During 1997-98, women's bowling was added as a varsity sport, and women's rifle begins for the 1998-99 season, giving the Huskers 24 sports, the most in the Big 12.

Along with maintaining the highest standards on the field, Byrne has reorganized the department for the 21st century. Stressing more efficient use of resources, Byrne has created a one-stop shopping type of organization to meet the needs of student-athletes, fans and contributors. He also reorganized Nebraska's fund-raising efforts and started an integrated marketing and licensing program.

Byrne is recognized as a national leader in intercollegiate athletics and continues to make an aggressive effort to help place conference officials on key NCAA committees to represent Big 12 institutions. He was recently chosen to serve as the chairman of the Big 12 Conference Board of Athletic Directors and has been instrumental in conference development and an active voice in its planning.

In conjunction with the rest of the Nebraska's administration, Byrne has arranged to use the Husker football and basketball networks to promote causes and concerns important to the entire university community, including the institution's increased role in research.

Before bringing his expertise to Nebraska, Byrne was the Director of Athletics at the University of Oregon. He assumed the duties of director of athletics in May 1984, as one of the youngest directors in Division I. Byrne established fund-raising offices in Portland and southern Oregon and established a full-time marketing and promotions operation, which blossomed to encompass the Oregon Sports Network for statewide in-house production of Ducks' games on radio and television.

Byrne led the $19 million fund drive at Oregon that resulted in new homes for the Ducks' football team and athletic department offices. He was responsible for the construction of a new press box, sky suites and total renovation of Autzen Stadium, which concluded in 1991. Two years later, the facility's Hall of Champions was dedicated in Byrne's honor.

Byrne served as president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) in 1991-92, and is in his seventh year on the NACDA Executive Committee. He was also chairman of the Pac-10 Conference Executive Committee and was the National Athletic Fundraisers Association National Fundraiser-of-the-Year.

Byrne grew up in Idaho and attended Idaho State. He was the student body president and received bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Idaho State in 1967 and 1971. Before going to Oregon in 1982, he was Assistant Athletic Director at San Diego State (1980-82), Executive Director of the New Mexico Lobo Club (1976-79) and Director of Alumni Relations at Idaho State (1971-76).

Byrne's wife, Marilyn, is the Dean of Graduate Studies in Education at Doane College and earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from NU. The Byrnes have two sons and two grandsons, Greg and Regina Byrne and their sons, Nicholas, 3, and Davis, 1, live in Corvallis, Ore., where Greg is an associate athletic director at Oregon State University. Bill and Marilyn's other son, Bill, is a section manager for Visa in its worldwide computer center located in San Mateo, Calif.

The Byrne family (from left): Regina, Greg, Marilyn, Nicholas, Bill and Bill, Jr. (not pictured, newborn grandson, Davis).

The University of Nebraska Athletic Staff

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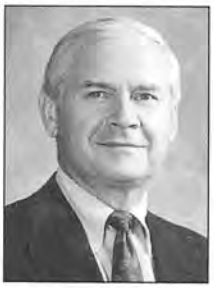

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Huskers

Jon Bostick
Graduate Assistant Football Coach

Jon Bostick is completing his second season as a graduate assistant coach on the Nebraska football staff. Bostick assists George Darlington in the coaching of the Husker secondary.

Bostick was one of the top receivers in Nebraska football history, lettering for four years from 1988-91. His 55 career receptions rank 13th on the NU career list, while his 15 touchdowns are second only to Johnny Rodgers' NU record 26 TDs. In his senior season, Bostick had 24 receptions for 419 yards and five touchdowns and was a second-team All-Big Eight selection.

Before joining the football staff, Bostick worked for six years in the athletic development office, coordinating fundraising activities in central and eastern Nebraska. A native of Bellevue, Wash., Bostick earned his bachelor's degree in communications from UNL in 1992.

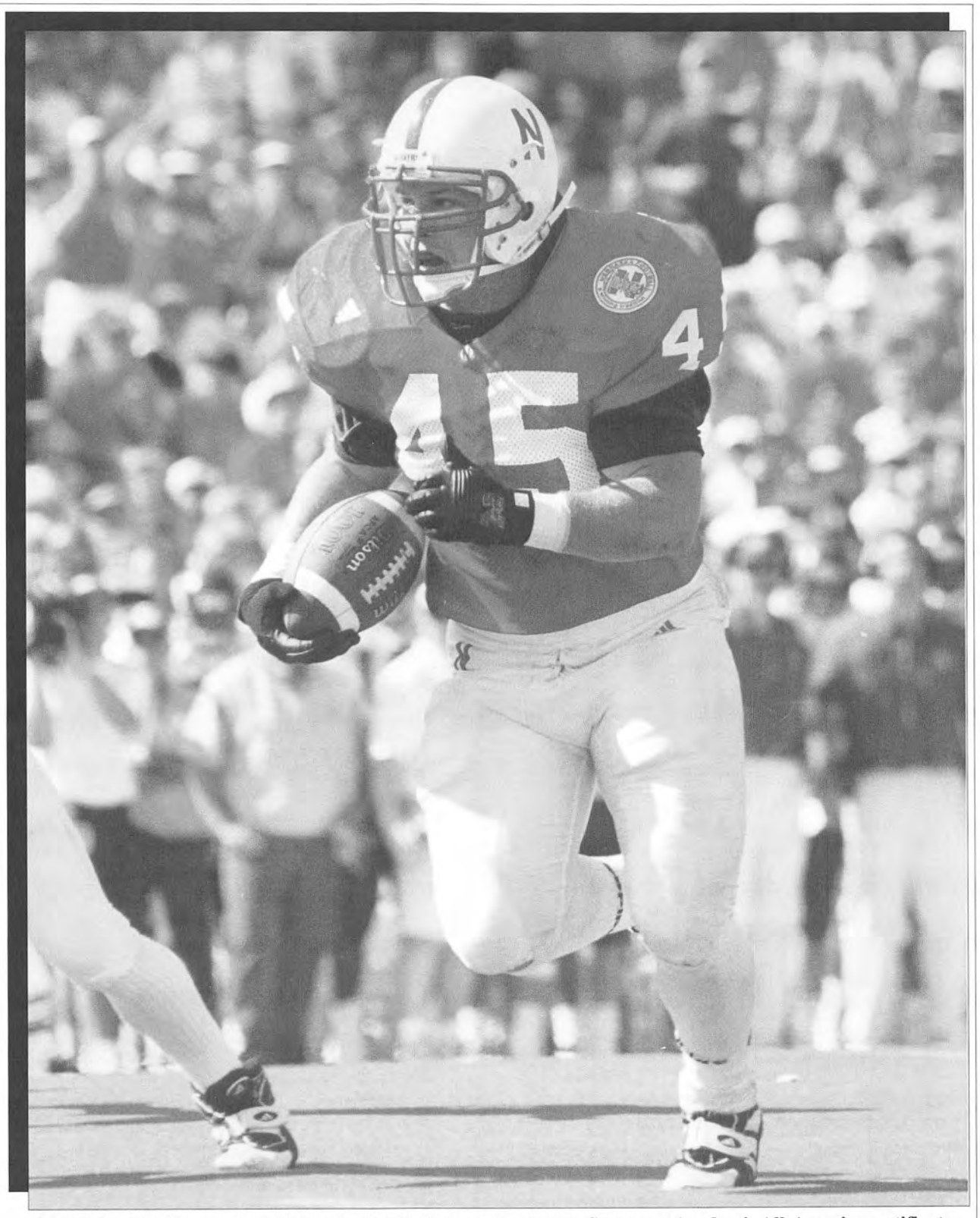
Chad Stanley
Graduate Assistant Football Coach

Chad Stanley is finishing his second season as a graduate assistant coach with the Huskers. Stanley will again work with Ron Brown and the Husker receiving corps. He served as an undergraduate assistant with Nebraska during the 1996 season, working with running backs coach Frank Solich.

Stanley played for Nebraska for four seasons from 1991-94 as a reserve fullback. He earned a varsity letter in 1994, when he played in two games for the national champion Huskers. All four Nebraska teams Stanley played on won Big Eight Conference championships.

A native of Lebanon, Kan., Stanley earned all-state and all-conference honors as a running back, defensive end and defensive back at Smith Center High, which posted a 34-8 record during Stanley's high school career.

Stanley earned his bachelor's degree in history from Nebraska in 1996 and is working toward a master's degree in the same area at UNL.



Joel Makovicka became the 11th Husker football player to earn two first-team Academic All-America certificates. He holds the school record for touchdowns by a fullback with 13, and has rushed for 1,447 yards in his career.

The Players

1998 Husker Honor Winners

Athletic Honors

National Awards

Doak Walker Award Nominee (1 of 44):
Joel Makovicka, FB

Butkus Award Semifinalist (1 of 10):
Jay Foreman, MLB

Jim Thorpe Award Candidates (1 of 44):
Ralph Brown, CB

Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award Semifinalist (1 of 14):
Shevin Wiggins, WB/Punt Returns/KO Returns

All-Americans

Third Team:
Ralph Brown, RCB (FBN)

Big 12 Honors

First Team:
Ralph Brown, RCB (FBN, Coaches, AP)
Josh Heskew, C (FBN, Coaches, AP, AAS, KCS, HC)
Sheldon Jackson, TE (AP, KCS)
Jay Foreman, MLB (AAS)
Mike Brown, ROV (AAS, HC)
Chad Kelsay, LRE (KCS)

Second Team:
Kris Brown, PK (Coaches)

Huskers Say Goodbye to 21 Seniors

The Holiday Bowl game is the last game for 21 Cornhusker seniors. During their four-year careers, the Husker senior class won two national championships, two conference titles, played in two national championship games and posted an outstanding 45-5 overall record. Over a five-year period, the senior class contributed to a 58-5 record and three national championships. Only PK Kris Brown and RE Chad Kelsay have not redshirted and only QB Monte Christo played as a true freshman.

Nebraska's 21 seniors (starters in bold):

#35	**Kris Brown**	**PK**	**Southlake, Texas**
#14	**Lance Brown**	**WB**	**Papillion, Neb.**
#6	**Kenny Cheatham**	**SE**	**Phoenix, Ariz.**
#9	**Monte Christo**	**QB**	**Kearney, Neb.**
#44	**Jay Foreman**	**MLB**	**Eden Prairie, Minn.**
#43	Russell Froehlich	SLB	Omaha, Neb.
#72	**Ben Gessford**	**OG/OT**	**Lincoln, Neb.**
#80	Billy Haafke	SE	South Sioux City, Neb.
#59	**Josh Heskew**	**C**	**Mustang, Okla.**
#49	Quint Hogrefe	SLB	Auburn, Neb.
#88	**Sheldon Jackson**	**TE**	**Diamond Bar, Calif.**
#57	**Chad Kelsay**	**RE**	**Auburn, Neb.**
#23	**Bill Lafleur**	**P**	**Norfolk, Neb.**
#40	Billy Legate	FB	Clearwater, Neb.
#45	**Joel Makovicka**	**FB**	**Brainard, Neb.**
#8	Brian Morro	P	Middletown, N.J.
#84	**Mike Rucker**	**RE**	**St. Joseph, Mo.**
#92	Travis Toline	RE	Wahoo, Neb.
#61	Brandt Wade	OG	Springfield, Neb.
#5	**Shevin Wiggins**	**WB**	**Palmetto, Fla.**
# 99	**Jason Wiltz**	**DT**	**New Orleans, La.**

First-Team All-Big 12 Huskers

Ralph Brown
Cornerback

Josh Heskew
Offensive Center

Sheldon Jackson
Tight End

Chad Kelsay
Rush End

Jay Foreman
Linebacker

Mike Brown
Rover

Sheldon Jackson, TE (Coaches, AAS)
Chad Kelsay, LRE (AP, Coaches,AAS)
Ralph Brown (AAS, KCS, HC)
Mike Brown, Rover (Coaches, AP)
Jay Foreman, MLB (AP)
Mike Rucker, RRE (Coaches, AP, KCS, HC)
Joe Walker, Kick Returner (Coaches, AP, AAS)
Bill Lafleur, Punter (AAS)

Third Team:
Bill Lafleur, Punter (Coaches)
Shevin Wiggins, Kick Returner (Coaches)

Honorable-Mention:
Kenny Cheatham, SE (Coaches)
Matt Davison, SE (Coaches)
Jay Foreman, MLB (Coaches)
Russ Hochstein, OG (Coaches)
Joel Makovicka, FB (Coaches)
Jason Schwab, OG (Coaches)
FBN--Football News; KCS--Kansas City Star;
AAS -Austin American Statesman; HC --Houston Chronicle

Big 12 Player-of-the-Week:
Chad Kelsay, RE--Defensive Player of the Week vs. Washington
Joe Walker, Rover--Specialty Player of the Week vs. Oklahoma State
Mike Rucker, RRE--Defensive Player of the Week vs. Colorado

TV Players of the Game:
ABC/Chevrolet Donates $1,000 to the school's general scholarship fund in honor of selected player
Ralph Brown, CB--FSN Player of the game vs. Louisiana Tech (8/29)
DeAngelo Evans, IB--ABC Player of the Game vs. Washington (9/26)
Matt Davison--ABC Player of the Game vs. Texas A&M (10/10)
Monte Christo, QB--FSN Player of the game vs. Missouri (10/24)
Mike Brown, Rover--ABC Player of the Game vs. Texas (10/31)
Eric Crouch, QB--ABC Player of the Game vs. Kansas State (11/14)
Mike Rucker, RE--ABC Player of the Game vs. Colorado (11/27)

Academic Honors

All-Americans

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship:

Joel Makovicka ($18,000 over two years, one of 10 Division I-A)

Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week:

Joel Makovicka ($10,000 to school's general scholarship fund, vs. CU)

NationsBank Community Champion

Kris Brown, PK, in recognition of his accomplishments in football and the community ($1,000 to school's general scholarship fund)

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans:

First-Team:

Chad Kelsay	Sr.	RE	3.626	Finance	Auburn, Neb.
Bill Lafleur	Sr.	P	3.515	History	Norfolk, Neb.
Joel Makovicka	Sr.	FB	3.827	Bio. Sciences	Brainard, Neb.

Second-Team:

Brian Shaw	Jr.	SLB	4.0	Animal Science	Deweese, Neb.

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII:

Ben Gessford	Sr.	OG/T	3.548	Psychology	Lincoln, Neb.

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominees (18):

Sean Applegate	Jr.	WB	3.317	pre-education	Lincoln, Neb.
Kris Brown	Sr	PK	3.446	social sciences	Southlake, Texas
+Lance Brown	Sr.	WB	3.76	management	Papillion, Neb.
Mike Brown	Jr.	ROV.	3.225	bus. admin.	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Monte Christo	Sr.	QB	3.681	bio. sciences	Kearney, Neb.
Matt Davison	So.	SE	3.64	gen. studies	Tecumseh, Neb.
T.J. DeBates	Jr.	TE	3.649	fish./wildlife	Stewartville, Minn.
Ben Gessford	Sr.	OG/T	3.548	psychology	Lincoln, Neb.
Adam Julch	Jr.	OT	3.268	math	Omaha, Neb.
Chad Kelsay	Sr.	RE	3.626	finance	Auburn, Neb.
Bill Lafleur	Sr.	P	3.515	history	Norfolk, Neb.
Billy Legate	Sr.	FB	3.421	pre-education	Clearwater, Neb.
Joel Makovicka	Sr.	FB	3.827	bio. sciences	Brainard, Neb.
*Brian Shaw	Jr.	SLB	4.0	animal science	Deweese, Neb.
James Sherman	Jr.	OG	3.236	crim. justice	LaVerne, Calif.
+Travis Toline	Sr.	RE	3.637	mech. eng.	Wahoo, Neb.
K. Vanden Bosch	So.	RE	3.543	general studies	Larchwood, Iowa
Brandt Wade	Sr.	OG	3.482	bio. sciences	Springfield, Neb.

** perfect 4.0; + graduate*

Academic All-Big 12 First Team (22):

*+4.0 GPA, **two-time winner, ***three-time,* ***graduates in bold***

Sean Applegate	Jr.	SE	3.317c	pre-education	Lincoln, Neb.
Kris Brown**	Sr.	PK	3.446c	education	Southlake, Texas
Lance Brown* Sr.**	**WB**	**3.76c**	**management**	**Papillion, Neb.**	
Mike Brown**	Jr.	ROV	3.225c	bus. admin.	Scottsdale, Ariz
Ben Buettenback	Jr.	LB	3.28c	bio. sciences	Hastings, Neb.
Jamie Burrow	Fr.	LB	3.233c	bio. sciences	Ames, Iowa
Monte Christo	**Sr.**	**QB**	**3.681c**	**bio. sciences**	**Kearney, Neb.**
Matt Davison	So.	SE	3.64c	general studies	Tecumseh, Neb.
T.J. DeBates**	Jr.	TE	3,649c	fish./wildlife	Stewartville, Minn.
Ben Gessford	Sr.	OG/T	3.548c	psychology	Lincoln, Neb.
Adam Julch**	Jr.	OT	3,268c	math	Omaha, Neb.
Chad Kelsay***	Sr.	RE	3.626c	finance	Auburn, Neb.
Bill Lafleur	Sr.	P	3.515c	pre-education	Norfolk, Neb.
Billy Legate***	Sr.	FB	3.421c	pre-education	Clearwater, Neb.
Joel Makovicka***	Sr.	FB	3,827c	bio. sciences	Brainard, Neb.
Greg McGraw	Jr.	ROV	3.4c	pre-education	Millville, N.J.
Brian Shaw***	Jr.	SLB	4.0c	animal science	Deweese, Neb.
James Sherman	Jr.	OG	3.236c	criminal justice	LaVenre, Calif.
Travis Toline**	**Sr.**	**RE**	**3.367c**	**mech. eng**	**Wahoo, Neb.**
Kyle Vanden Bosch	So.	RE	3.543c	general studies	Larchwood, Iowa
Dave Volk	Fr.	OT	3.211c	psychology	Battle Creek, Neb.
Brandt Wade	**Jr.**	**OG**	**3.482c**	**bio. sciences**	**Springfield, Neb.**

Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12 (6):

Dan Alexander	So.	IB	3.147y	general studies	Wentzville, Mo.
Clint Finley	So.	FS	3.07y	pre-education	Cuero, Texas
Josh Kohl	Jr.	LB	3.02y	pre-education	Hastings, Neb.
Willie Miller	So.	FB	3.142y	comm. studies	Omaha, Neb.
Bobby Newcombe	So.	QB	3.07y	psychology	Albuquerque, N.M.
Wes Woodward	Fr.	CB	3.161y	const. management	Omaha, Neb

Graduates

Lance Brown, WB, management
Monte Christo, QB, biological sciences
Jay Foreman, LB, business administration
Josh Heskew, C, secondary education
Quint Hogrefe, LB, business administration
Brian Morro, P, finance
Mike Rucker, RE, sociology
Travis Toline, RE, mechanical engineering
Brandt Wade, OG, biological sciences

Team Honors

Compaq College Football Plays of the Week

Best Defensive Play--NU's goal-line stand vs. OSU, 10/3/98
Best Defensive Play--NU's sack and fumble caused vs. CU, 11/27/98

Division I-A Athletic Directors Assoc. CHAMPS/Life Skills Honor

University of Nebraska, Oct. 12, 1998 (1 of 7)

Two-time first-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American fullback Joel Makovicka.

Nebraska Bowl Rosters

Alphabetical Roster

list includes all players; **Lettermen in Bold; *-Indicates Letters Earned**

No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthday	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
98		Adams, Demoine	RE	6-3	220	8/17/80	Fr.	Pine Bluff, Ark. (Pine Bluff)
38	**	**Alexander, Dan**	**IB**	**6-0**	**250**	**3/17/78**	**So.**	**Wentzville, Mo.**
89	*	Almanzar, Luis	NT	6-3	285	12/15/76	So.	Jersey City, N.J. (Dickinson)
64		Altstadt, Steve	OG	6-4	275	11/29/78	Fr.	Fort Calhoun, Neb.
28	**	**Anderson, Josh**	**RCB**	**5-8**	**180**	**8/15/77**	**So.**	**Wahoo, Neb.**
82	**	**Applegate, Sean**	**WB**	**5-9**	**190**	**6/13/77**	**Jr.**	**Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln High)**
41		Baker, Rod	WLB	6-0	225	10/28/77	So.	Hastings, Neb. (Adams Central)
51	**	**Baldwin, Matt**	**C**	**6-1**	**290**	**11/27/76**	**Jr.**	**Arvada, Colo. (Bear Creek)**
94		Bauman, Damien	TE	6-3	275	12/1/77	Jr.	Auburndale, Fla.
33		Becvarovski, Sasho	TE	6-4	250	11/23/76	So.	Crown Point, Ind. (Lake Central)
20		Beveridge, Tom	SE	6-0	190	10/1/77	So.	Sutherland, Neb.
4		Boettner, Mic	ROV	6-0	200	1/27/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
14	*	Booker, Dion	FS	6-1	205	1/4/79	Fr.	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino)
84		Bowling, Jon	TE	6-4	215	10/15/79	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
39		Brown, Josh	K	6-1	175	4/29/79	Fr.	Foyil, Okla.
35	****	**Brown, Kris**	**PK**	**5-10**	**205**	**12/23/76**	**Sr.**	**Southlake, Texas (Carroll)**
14	****	**Brown, Lance**	**WB**	**5-11**	**190**	**3/24/75**	**Sr.**	**Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)**
21	***	**Brown, Mike**	**ROV**	**5-10**	**205**	**2/13/78**	**Jr.**	**Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)**
22	***	**Brown II, Ralph**	**RCB**	**5-9**	**180**	**9/16/78**	**Jr.**	**Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Bishop Amat)**
36	**	**Buckhalter, Correll**	**IB**	**6-0**	**225**	**10/6/78**	**So.**	**Collins, Miss.**
39	***	**Buettenback, Ben**	**MLB**	**5-11**	**210**	**3/7/77**	**Jr.**	**Hastings, Neb**
48	*	Burrow, Jamie	MLB	6-1	230	11/4/78	Fr.	Ames, Iowa
6	****	**Cheatham, Kenny**	**SE**	**6-4**	**210**	**8/11/76**	**Sr.**	**Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)**
11		Chrisman, Joe	QB	6-1	200	3/24/79	Fr.	Longmont, Colo.
9	***	**Christo, Monte**	**QB**	**6-0**	**195**	**7/10/76**	**Sr.**	**Kearney, Neb.**
39		Cielocha, Chris	FB	5-11	215	5/6/79	Fr.	Columbus, Neb. (Columbus Scotus)
55		Clanton, Jon	DL	6-2	280	11/16/79	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Centennial)
68	***	**Clausen, Jeff**	**OT**	**6-6**	**305**	**1/9/77**	**Jr.**	**Dixon, Ill.**
56		Cody, Wes	OL	6-3	255	3/23/80	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Bergan)
21		Cork, Danny	SE/WB	5-10	200	10/29/79	Fr.	Owasso, Okla.
89		Cornelson, Ben	SE/WB	5-11	170	9/20/78	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan. (Shawnee Mission NW)
52		Coyne, Jon	MLB	6-4	220	7/7/78	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Omaha Westside)
3	*	Craver, Keyuo	CB	6-0	180	8/22/80	Fr.	Harleton, Texas
7	*	Crouch, Eric	QB	6-0	200	11/16/78	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
86		Dabbert, Will	TE	6-4	220	5/5/80	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
3	**	**Davison, Matt**	**SE**	**6-0**	**180**	**10/24/78**	**So.**	**Tecumseh, Neb.**
85	***	**DeBates, T.J.**	**TE**	**6-3**	**250**	**5/3/77**	**Jr.**	**Stewartville, Minn.**
2		Demps, Mike	DB	5-11	190	9/16/79	Fr.	Fort Worth, Texas (Dunbar)
30		Diedrick, Dahrran	IB	6-0	210	11/1/79	Fr.	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada (Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute)
76		Diekmann, Billy	OT	6-4	285	3/19/78	So.	Cheney, Neb. (Norris)
81		Duryea, Chad	SE	6-5	200	6/4/79	Fr.	Merna, Neb. (Anselmo-Merna)
56		Dutton, Mason	LB	6-0	220	8/4/79	Fr.	Plano, Texas (Dutton)
33		Ebke, Mitch	FS	6-1	200	7/2/78	So.	Fairbury, Neb.
72		Eisenhauer, Kyle	OL	6-2	250	4/25/79	Fr.	Wausa, Neb. (Bloomfield)
4	**	**Evans, DeAngelo**	**IB**	**5-9**	**210**	**12/13/76**	**So.**	**Wichita, Kan. (Collegiate)**
19	**	**Finley, Clint**	**FS**	**5-11**	**200**	**3/27/77**	**So.**	**Cuero, Texas**
83	*	**Fischer, Craig**	**SE**	**6-0**	**180**	**10/2/76**	**Jr.**	**Leigh, Neb.**
38		Fischer, Eric	ROV	5-11	190	9/8/77	So.	Leigh, Neb.
44	****	**Foreman, Jay**	**MLB**	**6-1**	**240**	**2/18/76**	**Sr.**	**Eden Prairie, Minn.**
25		Forster, Austin	WB	5-9	185	7/17/79	Fr.	Gordon, Neb.
77		Freeman, Joe	OL	6-4	270	4/23/80	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
58		Fries, Gabe	LB	6-2	200	8/27/79	Fr.	Benkelman, Neb. (Dundy County)
29		Friesen, Patrick	SE	6-0	185	11/1/78	Fr.	Henderson, Neb.
43		Froehlich, Russell	SLB	6-0	220	6/23/76	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Bellevue East)
74		Fulton, Lonnie	OT	6-5	250	1/11/77	So.	Grand Island, Neb.
72	**	**Gessford, Ben**	**OG**	**6-2**	**290**	**8/12/76**	**Sr.**	**Lincoln, Neb. (East)**
8	*	Gibson, John	WB	5-11	180	2/10/77	So.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
77		Gill, Bobby	NT	6-0	275	6/14/78	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Northeast)
98		Golliday, Aaron	TE	6-4	235	12/3/79	Fr.	York, Neb.
46		Gragert, Nick	FB	6-1	220	7/15/78	Fr.	Columbus, Neb.

Numerical Roster

(dress list for bowl)

No.		Name	Pos.
1	***	**Frankie London**	**WB**
3	**	**Matt Davison**	**SE**
3	*	**Keyuo Craver**	**LCB**
4	**	**DeAngelo Evans**	**IB**
4		Mic Boettner	ROV
5	***	**Shevin Wiggins**	**WB**
6	****	**Kenny Cheatham**	**SE**
7	*	**Eric Crouch**	**QB**
7		Chris Moran	DB
8	*	**John Gibson**	**SE/WB**
8		Brian Morro	P
9	***	**Monte Christo**	**QB**
10	*	**Brandon Quindt**	**ROV**
12	**	**Bobby Newcombe**	**QB**
12		Arion Turner	RCB
13	**	**Carlos Polk**	**MLB**
14	****	**Lance Brown**	**WB**
14	*	**Dion Booker**	**FS**
15	**	**Willie Miller**	**FB**
15		Chuck Tack	PK/P
16	**	**Erwin Swiney**	**LCB**
16		Jay Runty	QB
17		Dan Hadenfeldt	PK
18		Jeff Hemje	RCB
19	**	**Clint Finley**	**FS**
20	*	**Tom Beveridge**	**SE**
20	*	**Wes Woodward**	**LCB**
21	***	**Mike Brown**	**ROV**
22	***	**Ralph Brown**	**RCB**
22	**	**Ben Kingston**	**FB**
23	****	**Bill Lafleur**	**P**
23		Steve Raymond	SLB
24		Matt Ickes	RCB
25	**	**Joe Walker**	**ROV**
26	*	**Mark Vedral**	**WLB**
26	*	**Casey Vanderhoef**	**WB**
27	***	**Eric Johnson**	**WLB**
28		Chace Long	PK
28	**	**Josh Anderson**	**RCB**
29	**	**Gregg List**	**ROV**
29		Pat Friesen	SE
32	*	**Greg McGraw**	**FS**
32	*	Travis Soucie	IB
33		Sasho Becvarovski	TE
33		Mitch Ebke	FS
34	*	**Dan White**	**IB**
35	****	**Kris Brown**	**PK**
36	**	**Correll Buckhalter**	**IB**
36		Levi Mehl	SLB
37	***	**Tony Ortiz**	**SLB**
37		Hank Piening	FB
38	**	**Dan Alexander**	**IB**
38		Eric Fischer	ROV
39	***	**Ben Buettenback**	**MLB**
39		Chris Cielocha	FB
40	****	**Billy Legate**	**FB**
41		Rod Baker	WLB
42	*	**Troy Watchorn**	**ROV**
43		Russell Froehlich	SLB
43		John Murphy	TE

44****	Jay Foreman	MLB
45****	Joel Makovicka	FB
45	Brad Hamik	FS
46***	Brian Shaw	SLB
46	Nick Gragert	FB
47***	Josh Kohl	WLB
48 *	Jamie Burrow	MLB
48	Jeremy Stanislav	FB
49***	Quint Hogrefe	SLB
49	Tyrone Uhlir	FB
50***	Julius Jackson	WLB
51 **	Matt Baldwin	C
51	Chad Tuttle	MLB
52	Chris Coyne	MLB
53	Chris Gustafson	SLB
54 *	Dominic Raiola	OG/C
54	Jon Penny	MLB
55 **	Russ Hochstein	OG
57****	Chad Kelsay	LR
58 *	Dave Volk	OT
59****	Josh Heskew	C
61****	Brandt Wade	OG
63***	James Sherman	OG
64	Steve Alstadt	OG
65 **	Jason Schwab	OT
66 *	Jon Rutherford	OG
68***	Jeff Clausen	OT
69***	Adam Julch	OT
70	Mike Green	OT
70 *	Jason Lohr	NT
71	Matt McGinn	DT
72 **	Ben Gessford	OG/OT
73	Jim Tansey	OT
74	Lonnie Fulton	OT
75 *	Kyle Kollmorgen	OT
76	Billy Diekmann	OT
77	Jim Tansey	OT
77	Bobby Gill	NT
78	Aaron Havlovic	C
79	Chris Saalfeld	OG
80***	Billy Haafke	SE
80	Eric Ryan	LR
81***	Aaron Wills	RR
82 **	Sean Applegate	SE
83 **	Kyle Vanden Bosch	LR
83 *	Craig Fischer	SE
84****	Mike Rucker	LR
85***	T.J. DeBates	TE
86	Brandon Roth	MLB
87 *	Tracey Wistrom	TE
88****	Sheldon Jackson	TE
89 *	Luis Almanzar	NT
90 *	Jeremy Slechta	DT
90 *	Jake McKee	TE
91 **	Loran Kaiser	DT
92****	Travis Toline	RR
93	Brandon Mooberry	LR
94	Damien Bauman	TE
95	J.P. Wichmann	RR
96***	Steve Warren	DT
97	Matt Grummert	LR
99***	Jason Wiltz	DT

70		Green, Mike	OT	6-4	290	7/7/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
5		Groce, DeJuan	CB	5-11	185	2/17/80	Fr.	Garfield Heights, Ohio (St. Edward)
97		Grummert, Matt	LR	6-2	240	6/14/77	So.	Fairbury, Neb.
53		Gustafson, Chris	SLB	6-2	220	10/13/78	Fr.	Gallup, N.M.
13		Gutz, Sam	QB	5-11	170	7/5/79	Fr.	Columbus, Neb.
91		Gutz, Seth	SE	6-0	185	2/21/78	Jr.	Columbus, Neb.
51		Gwennap, Andy	OL	6-2	265	11/16/79	Fr.	Smith Center, Kan.
80	***	**Haafke, Billy**	**SE**	**5-11**	**190**	**3/19/75**	**Sr.**	**South Sioux City, Neb.**
17		Hadenfeldt, Dan	PK	5-11	200	8/7/76	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
45		Hamik, Brad	FS	6-0	180	11/15/77	So.	Hawarden, Iowa (West Sioux)
7		Hassebroek, Troy	SE	6-4	200	7/6/80	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln High)
78		Havlovic, Aaron	C	6-3	280	5/7/77	Jr.	Osceola, Neb. (David City Aquinas)
18		Hemje, Jeff	RCB	6-0	185	3/23/79	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.
10		Hennings, Dan	SE	6-0	175	9/19/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
59	****	**Heskew, Josh**	**C**	**6-3**	**290**	**9/2/75**	**Sr.**	**Mustang, Okla.**
55	**	**Hochstein, Russ**	**OG**	**6-3**	**280**	**10/7/77**	**So.**	**Hartington, Neb. (Cedar Catholic)**
49	***	**Hogrefe, Quint**	**SLB**	**5-11**	**210**	**8/26/75**	**Sr.**	**Auburn, Neb.**
44		Hughes, Casey	FB	6-1	210	1/20/80	Fr.	Scotia, Neb. (North Loup-Scotia)
67		Hughes, Richard	DL	6-5	330	4/10/80	Fr.	Winchester, Ky.
24		Ickes, Matt	RCB	5-10	200	12/10/78	Fr.	Page, Neb. (Orchard)
50	***	**Jackson, Julius**	**WLB**	**6-0**	**235**	**11/7/76**	**Jr.**	**Gainesville, Texas**
88	****	**Jackson, Sheldon**	**TE**	**6-4**	**245**	**7/24/76**	**Sr.**	**Diamond Bar, Calif. (Damien)**
27	***	**Johnson, Eric**	**WLB**	**6-1**	**205**	**4/30/76**	**Jr.**	**Phoenix, Ariz. (Alhambra)**
69	***	**Julch, Adam**	**OT**	**6-5**	**315**	**1/31/77**	**Jr.**	**Omaha, Neb. (Burke)**
91	**	**Kaiser, Loran**	**DT**	**6-5**	**280**	**3/22/78**	**So.**	**Farwell, Neb. (St. Paul)**
47		Kastl, Paul	FB	5-10	205	7/7/79	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
57	****	**Kelsay, Chad**	**LR**	**6-3**	**250**	**4/9/77**	**Sr.**	**Auburn, Neb.**
34		Kelsay, Chris	LR	6-5	240	10/31/79	Fr.	Auburn, Neb.
22	**	**Kingston, Ben**	**FB**	**6-1**	**240**	**8/19/76**	**Jr.**	**Omaha, Neb. (Westside)**
9		Klem, John	SE	6-3	185	5/27/80	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
57		Koethe, Scott	OL	6-5	290	10/27/79	Fr.	Central City, Neb.
47	***	**Kohl, Josh**	**WLB**	**6-1**	**220**	**1/24/77**	**Jr.**	**Hastings, Neb.**
75	*	Kollmorgen, Kyle	OT	6-4	290	2/7/79	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
53		Kolowski, David	OL	6-5	265	7/16/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
67		Kolterman, Nate	OL	6-3	300	8/15/79	Fr.	Seward, Neb.
1		Kosch, Paul	DB	5-11	180	4/17/79	Fr.	Humphrey, Neb. (Humphrey St. Francis)
23	****	**Lafleur, Bill**	**P**	**5-11**	**200**	**2/25/76**	**Sr.**	**Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)**
6		Lechtenberg, Adam	DB	5-10	175	10/20/79	Fr.	Butte, Neb.
40	****	**Legate, Billy**	**FB**	**5-11**	**230**	**12/6/75**	**Sr.**	**Clearwater, Neb.**
29	**	**List, Gregg**	**ROV**	**6-0**	**220**	**2/8/77**	**Jr.**	**Valentine, Neb.**
70		Lohr, Jason	NT	6-3	275	5/23/79	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
1	***	**London, Frankie**	**WB**	**6-0**	**180**	**11/24/76**	**Jr.**	**Lake Charles, La. (LaGrange)**
28		Long, Chace	PK	6-0	200	4/8/78	So.	Wahoo, Neb.
86		Lyman, Jeremy	RE	6-3	200	11/12/79	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Skyline)
45	****	**Makovicka, Joel**	**FB**	**5-11**	**240**	**10/6/75**	**Sr.**	**Brainard, Neb. (East Butler)**
82		Manning, Stephen	DL	6-1	270	12/29/79	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. (Bearden)
35		McGann, Shawn	WB	5-11	190	10/1/79	Fr.	Granger, Ind. (Penn)
71		McGinn, Matt	DT	6-2	270	1/12/79	Fr.	Anselmo, Neb. (Anselmo-Merna)
32	*	McGraw, Greg	FS	5-8	200	4/12/77	Jr.	Millville, N.J.
90	*	McKee, Jake	TE	6-1	230	7/29/77	So.	Goodland, Kan.
36		Mehl, Levi	SLB	6-0	195	10/23/78	Fr.	Crete, Neb.
15	**	**Miller, Willie**	**FB**	**6-0**	**230**	**9/17/78**	**So.**	**Omaha, Neb. (Bellevue West)**
93		Mooberry, Brandon	LR	6-5	245	11/12/77	So.	Lexington, Neb.
7		Moran, Chris	DB	5-10	180	3/4/77	Jr.	Frederick, Md. (Linganore)
8		Morro, Brian	P	5-9	180	12/11/75	Sr.	Middletown, N.J. (South)
43		Murphy, John	TE	6-3	235	5/31/77	So.	Crawford, Neb.
87		Nelson, Casey	DT	6-2	250	12/20/78	Fr.	Newman Grove, Neb.
95		Nelson, Jeff	DL	6-7	260	1/2/80	Fr.	Superior, Neb.
12	**	**Newcombe, Bobby**	**QB**	**6-0**	**195**	**8/8/79**	**So.**	**Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland)**
87		Offner, Andrew	DL	6-4	260	2/26/80	Fr.	Red Cloud, Neb.
37	***	**Ortiz, Tony**	**SLB**	**6-0**	**215**	**7/3/77**	**Jr.**	**New York, N.Y. (Crosby, Waterbury,Conn.)**
54		Penny, Jon	MLB	6-1	225	10/19/78	Fr.	Lawrence, Kan.
37		Piening, Hank	FB	6-2	215	11/19/77	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Milford)
13	**	**Polk, Carlos**	**MLB**	**6-3**	**245**	**2/22/77**	**So.**	**Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)**
10	*	**Quindt, Brandon**	**ROV**	**6-0**	**200**	**10/1/77**	**So.**	**Scottsbluff, Neb.**
54	*	Raiola, Dominic	C/OG	6-2	300	12/30/78	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis School)

41		Rauenzahn, Tyler	IB	5-10	190	5/1/79	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
23		Raymond, Steve	SLB	6-0	215	4/3/76	Jr.	Gering, Neb.
85		Ringenberg, Kyle	RE	6-4	220	10/17/79	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
86		Roth, Brandon	MLB	6-3	240	10/8/78	Fr.	Milford, Neb.
84	********	**Rucker, Mike**	**RR**	**6-6**	**260**	**2/28/75**	**Sr.**	**St. Joseph, Mo. (Benton)**
16		Runty, Jay	QB	6-0	195	9/13/77	So.	Elkhorn, Neb.
66	*	Rutherford, Jon	OG	6-3	290	8/29/78	Fr.	Midwest City, Okla.
80		Ryan, Eric	LR	6-1	235	6/22/76	Jr.	Overton, Neb.
79		Saalfeld, Chris	OG	6-2	280	11/14/77	So.	North Bend, Neb.
65	******	**Schwab, Jason**	**OT**	**6-1**	**300**	**5/12/77**	**Jr.**	**Eagan, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)**
4		Shanle, Scott	LB	6-2	220	11/23/79	Fr.	St. Edward, Neb.
46	*******	**Shaw, Brian**	**SLB**	**6-1**	**215**	**10/11/76**	**Jr.**	**Deweese, Neb. (Sandy Creek)**
63	*******	**Sherman, James**	**OG**	**6-2**	**295**	**10/23/77**	**Jr.**	**LaVerne, Calif. (Whittier)**
62		Shook, Matt	OL	6-3	285	6/20/80	Fr.	Medina, Ohio
79		Sidwell, Leif	OL	6-5	270	5/29/79	Fr.	Kearney, Neb.
90	*	Slechta, Jeremy	DT	6-5	255	5/12/80	Fr.	LaVista, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
71		Smith, Justin	RE	6-5	240	2/6/80	Fr.	Sherman, Texas
52		Smith, Luke	LB	6-1	225	4/22/80	Fr.	York, Neb.
32	*	Soucie, Travis	IB	5-11	200	11/30/77	So.	Hastings, Neb. (St. Cecilia)
48		Stanislav, Jeremy	FB	6-0	215	10/27/77	So.	Prague, Neb.
53		Stella, Randy	LB	6-2	200	9/11/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Benson)
16	******	**Swiney, Erwin**	**LCB**	**6-0**	**185**	**10/8/78**	**So.**	**Lincoln, Neb. (Northeast)**
15		Tack, Chuck	PK/P	6-6	210	7/13/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)
73		Tansey, Jim	OT	6-2	310	5/25/77	Jr.	Cranford, N.J.
90		Tata, Tony	LB	6-2	240	1/11/79	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis)
17		Terpening, Aaron	DB	5-11	175	10/30/79	Fr.	North Salem, Ore.
18		Thomas, Wilson	WR	6-5	200	10/21/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (North)
92	********	**Toline, Travis**	**RR**	**6-3**	**245**	**11/12/75**	**Sr.**	**Wahoo, Neb.**
12		Turner, Arion	RCB	5-10	170	9/2/79	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey)
51		Tuttle, Chad	MLB	6-0	220	6/11/77	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Omaha North)
49		Uhlir, Tyrone	FB	6-0	210	3/13/78	Fr.	Battle Creek, Neb.
78		Valencia, Justin	OL	6-5	270	5/20/80	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
83	******	**Vanden Bosch, Kyle**	**LR**	**6-4**	**260**	**11/17/78**	**So.**	**Larchwood, Iowa (West Lyon Comm.)**
26	*	Vanderhoef, Casey	WB	5-10	190	12/8/77	So.	Alpine, Utah
26	*	Vedral, Mark	WLB	5-11	210	7/26/78	Fr.	Gregory, S.D.
58	*	Volk, Dave	OT	6-4	280	8/1/78	Fr.	Battle Creek, Neb.
61	********	**Wade, Brandt**	**OG**	**6-2**	**300**	**9/30/75**	**Sr.**	**Springfield, Neb. (Platteview)**
25	******	**Walker, Joe**	**ROV**	**5-10**	**200**	**3/19/77**	**So.**	**Arlington, Texas (Arlington-Lamar)**
96	*******	**Warren, Steve**	**NT**	**6-1**	**305**	**1/22/78**	**Jr.**	**Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)**
42	*	Watchorn, Troy	ROV	5-11	190	1/1/78	So.	Columbus, Neb.
34	*	White, Dan	IB	5-9	195	8/11/78	Fr.	Green Bay, Wis. (Ashwaubenon)
95		Wichmann, J.P.	RR	6-4	220	12/24/78	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan. (Shawnee Mission NW)
5	*******	**Wiggins, Shevin**	**WB**	**5-11**	**200**	**9/27/74**	**Sr.**	**Palmetto, Fla. (Manatee)**
50		Wilford, Mike	OL	6-4	270	12/30/79	Fr.	Stevensville, Mich. (Lakeshore)
81	*******	**Wills, Aaron**	**RR**	**6-2**	**250**	**10/24/76**	**Jr.**	**Omaha, Neb. (Burke)**
88		Wills, Colin	RE	6-2	230	8/1/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
99	*******	**Wiltz, Jason**	**DT**	**6-4**	**310**	**11/23/76**	**Sr.**	**New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)**
87	*	Wistrom, Tracey	TE	6-4	215	8/28/78	Fr.	Webb City, Mo.
20	*	Woodward, Wes	LCB	5-8	185	9/13/78	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
52		Ziemba, Steve	OL	6-5	300	11/6/79	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)

The Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Frank Solich

Assistant Coaches: Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line: Charlie McBride; Linebackers: Craig Bohl; Receivers: Ron Brown; Secondary: George Darlington; Quarterbacks: Turner Gill; Running Backs: Dave Gillespie; Rush Ends: Nelson Barnes; Offensive Line: Milt Tenopir; Offensive Line/Kickers: Dan Young

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Jon Bostick and Chad Stanley

Student Assistant Coaches: Travis Antholz, Andy Bilanzich, Casey Macken, Jeff Perino, Kareem Sears and Eric Walther

Miscellaneous Husker Tidbits

Starters from Arizona:
Mike Brown, ROV, Scottsdale
Eric Johnson, WLB, Phoenix
Kenny Cheatham, SE, Phoenix

Starters from California:
Sheldon Jackson, TE, Diamond Bar
Ralph Brown, RCB, Hacienda Hts.
James Sherman, OG, LaVerne

Starters from Lincoln, Neb.:
Ben Gessford, OT
Erwin Swiney, CB

True Freshmen Playing:
Keyuo Craver, CB
Jason Lohr, NT
Jeremy Slechta, DT

Former Walk-on Starters:
Ben Gessford, RG/RT
Bill Lafleur, Punter
Joel Makovicka, FB
Jason Schwab, RT
Brian Shaw, SLB

Seniors Who Haven't Redshirted
Kris Brown, PK
Chad Kelsay, RE

Graduates
Lance Brown, WB
Monte Christo, QB
Jay Foreman, LB
Josh Heskey, C
Quint Hogrefe, LB
Brian Morro, P
Mike Rucker, RE
Travis Toline, RE
Brandt Wade, OG

Pronunciation Guide

Demoine Adams .... Deh-MOINE
Sasho **Becvarovski** ..... Beck-va-ROSS-ski
Ben **Buettenback** . BOO-tin-back
Keyuo Craver ..... KEY-oh
Eric **Crouch** ..... CR-ouch
Dahrran Diedrick ..... DARE-ren
Russell **Froehlich** ..... FROE-lick
Nick **Gragert** ..... GRAY-gert
DeJuan Groce ..... Duh-Wan GROSS
Billy **Haafke** ..... HALF-key
Russ **Hochstein** ..... HOKE-stine
Quint **Hogrefe** ..... HOE-greefe
Loran **Kaiser** ..... KYE-ser
Billy **Lafleur** ..... Luh-FLUER
Billy **Legate** ..... Leh-GATE
Joel **Makovicka**... ..... Mack-oh-VICK-uh
Dominic **Raiola** ..... Ray-OH-luh
Jeremy **Slechta** .. Seh-LECHT-tuh
Travis **Soucie** ..... SUE-see
Erwin **Swiney** ..... SWEE-nee
Travis **Toline** ..... Toe-LEEN

1998 Prebowl Husker Depth Chart

(as of Dec. 8, 1998)

Offense

SE: 6 Kenny Cheatham****, 6-4, 210, Sr., Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)
-OR- 3 Matt Davison**, 6-0, 180, So., Tecumseh, Neb.
80 Billy Haafke***, 5-11, 190, Sr., South Sioux City, Neb.
8 John Gibson*, 5-11, 180, So., Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LV)

LT: 69 Adam Julch***, 6-5, 315, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
-OR-72 Ben Gessford**, 6-2, 290, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (East)
75 Kyle Kollmorgen*, 6-4, 290, Fr., Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)

LG: 63 James Sherman***, 6-2, 295, Jr., LaVerne, Calif. (Whittier)
-OR-54 Dominic Raiola*, 6-2, 300, Fr., Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis School)
66 Jon Rutherford*, 6-3, 290, Fr., Midwest City, Okla.

C: 59 JOSH HESKEW****, 6-3, 290, Sr., Mustang, Okla.
54 Dominic Raiola*, 6-2, 300, Fr., Honolulu, Hawaii (St. Louis School)
51 Matt Baldwin**, 6-1, 290, Jr. Arvada, Colo. (Bear Creek)

RG: 55 Russ Hochstein**, 6-3, 280, So., Hartington, Neb. (Cedar Catholic)
51 Matt Baldwin**, 6-1, 290, Jr. Arvada, Colo. (Bear Creek)
63 James Sherman***, 6-2, 295, Jr., LaVerne, Calif. (Whittier)

RT: 65 Jason Schwab**, 6-1, 300, Jr. Eagan, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
72 Ben Gessford**, 6-2, 290, Sr., Lincoln, Neb. (East)
58 Dave Volk*, 6-4, 280, Fr., Battle Creek, Neb.

TE: 88 Sheldon Jackson****, 6-4, 245, Sr., Diamond Bar, Calif. (Damien)
85 T.J. DeBates***, 6-3, 250, Jr., Stewartville, Minn.
-OR-87 Tracey Wistrom*, 6-4, 215, Fr., Webb City, Mo.
94 Damien Bauman, 6-3, 275, Jr., Auburndale, Fla.
90 Jake McKee*, 6-1, 230, So., Goodland, Kan.

QB: 7 Eric Crouch*, 6-0, 200, Fr., Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
9 Monte Christo***, 6-0, 195, Sr., Kearney, Neb.
16 Jay Runty, 6-0, 195, So., Elkhorn, Neb.

FB: 45 JOEL MAKOVICKA****, 5-11, 240, Sr., Brainard, Neb. (East Butler)
15 Willie Miller**, 6-0, 230, So., Omaha, Neb. (Bellevue West)
40 Billy Legate****, 5-11, 230, Sr., Clearwater, Neb.
22 Ben Kingston**, 6-1, 240, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (Westside)

IB: 36 Correll Buckhalter**, 6-0, 225, So., Collins, Miss.
-OR- 4 DeAngelo Evans**, 5-9, 210, So., Wichita, Kan. (Collegiate)
34 Dan White*, 5-9, 195, Fr., Green Bay, Wis. (Ashwaubenon)
32 Travis Soucie*, 5-11, 200, So., Hastings, Neb. (St. Cecilia)

WB: 5 Shevin Wiggins***, 5-11, 200, Sr., Palmetto, Fla. (Manatee)
-OR- 14 LANCE BROWN****, 5-11, 190, Sr., Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
82 Sean Applegate**, 5-9, 190, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. (Linc. High)
-OR- 8 John Gibson*, 5-11, 180, So., Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LV)

PK: 35 KRIS BROWN****, 5-10, 205, Sr., Southlake, Texas (Carroll)
17 Dan Hadenfeldt, 5-11, 200, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)

Key:*Letters earned (includes 1998); returning '97 starters in CAPS

Defense

LR: 57 CHAD KELSAY****, 6-3, 250, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
83 Kyle Vanden Bosch**, 6-4, 260, So., Larchwood, Iowa (West Lyon Community)
34 Chris Kelsay, 6-5, 240, Fr., Auburn, Neb.

NT: 99 Jason Wiltz***, 6-4, 310, Sr., New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)
96 Steve Warren***, 6-1, 305, Jr., Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)
70 Jason Lohr*, 6-3, 275, Fr., Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)

DT: 91 Loran Kaiser**, 6-5, 280, So., Farwell, Neb. (St. Paul)
90 Jeremy Slechta*, 6-5, 255, Fr., LaVista, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
89 Luis Almanzar*, 6-3, 285, So., Jersey City, N.J.

RR: 84 MIKE RUCKER****, 6-6, 260, Sr., St. Joseph, Mo. (Benton)
81 Aaron Wills***, 6-2, 240, Jr., Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
92 Travis Toline****, 6-3, 245, Sr., Wahoo, Neb.
95 J.P. Wichmann, 6-4, 220, Fr., Shawnee, Kan. (Shawnee Mission NW)

SLB:37 TONY ORTIZ***, 6-0, 215, Jr., New York, N.Y. (Crosby, Waterbury Conn.)
-OR-46 BRIAN SHAW***, 6-1, 215, Jr., Deweese, Neb. (Sandy Creek)
49 Quint Hogrefe***, 5-11, 210, Sr., Auburn, Neb.
41 Rod Baker, 6-0, 225, So., Hastings, Neb. (Adams Central)

MLB:44 JAY FOREMAN****, 6-1, 240, Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.
13 Carlos Polk**, 6-3, 245, So., Rockford, Ill. (Guilford)
39 Ben Buettenback***, 5-11, 210, Jr., Hastings, Neb.
-OR-48 Jamie Burrow*, 6-1, 230, Fr., Ames, Iowa

WLB:27 Eric Johnson***, 6-1, 205, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. (Alhambra)
50 Julius Jackson***, 6-0, 235, Jr., Gainesville, Texas
-OR-47 Josh Kohl***, 6-1, 220, Jr., Hastings, Neb.

LCB:16 ERWIN SWINEY**, 6-0, 185, So., Lincoln, Neb. (Northeast)
3 Keyuo Craver*, 6-0, 180, Fr., Harleton, Texas (Harleton)

FS: 19 Clint Finley**, 5-11, 200, So., Cuero, Texas
14 Dion Booker*, 6-1, 205, Fr., Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino)
32 Greg McGraw*, 6-2, 200, Jr., Millville, N.J.

ROV:21 MIKE BROWN***, 5-10, 205, Jr., Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)
25 Joe Walker**, 5-10, 200, So., Arlington, Texas (Arlington-Lamar)
42 Troy Watchorn*, 5-11, 195, So., Columbus, Neb.
29 Gregg List**, 6-0, 220, Jr., Valentine, Neb.

RCB:22 RALPH BROWN***, 5-9, 180, Jr., Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Bishop Amat)
18 Jeff Hemje, 6-0, 185, Fr., Grand Island, Neb.
28 Josh Anderson**, 5-8, 180, So., Wahoo, Neb.

P: 23 Bill Lafleur****, 5-11, 200, Sr., Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
17 Dan Hadenfeldt, 5-11, 200, Jr., Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)

Specialists

KO Returns	5 Shevin Wiggins***, 25 Joe Walker**
	34 Dan White*, 6 Kenny Cheatham****
Punt Returns	6 Cheatham****, 5 Wiggins***, 25 Walker**
Holder	7 Eric Crouch*, 23 Bill Lafleur****
Snapper	54 Dominic Raiola*, 87 Tracey Wistrom*

Injured

WB--1 Frankie London***, 6-0, 180, Jr., Lake Charles, La. (broken leg); Rov--10 Brandon Quindt*, 6-0, 200, So., Scottsbluff, Neb. (IT Band strain, surgery Sept. 28); QB--12 Bobby Newcombe**, 6-0, 195, So., Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland) (knee); IB--38 Dan Alexander**, 6-0, 250, So., Wentzville, Mo. (knee); OG--61 Brandt Wade****, 6-2, 300, Sr., Springfield, Neb. (Platteview); OT--68 Jeff Clausen***, 6-6, 305, Jr., Dixon, Ill. (knee); SE--83 Craig Fischer*, 6-0, 180, Jr., Leigh, Neb. (thumb).

Three Different Huskers Start at QB in 1998

#9 Monte Christo

Quarterback
6-0, 195, Sr.
Letters: Three
Kearney, Neb.

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**
- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**
- **December, 1998 Graduate (Bio.Sci.)**
- **Fox Sports Net NU Player of the Game vs. Missouri, 10/24/98**

A former walk-on, senior Monte Christo had endured numerous surgeries and injuries to his knee, back, thumb (twice), but in 1998, Christo was the only healthy Husker quarterback throughout the season. He began the season third string, behind Bobby Newcombe and Eric Crouch, but injuries put him into the heat of battle for the second half against Missouri, and after leading the Huskers to victory, he started the next week against Texas. Although Christo did not play in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech, he was perfect in his first six pass attempts of his career, completing 4-4 vs. UAB and the first two against California. Christo had a career-long and team long 63-yard TD pass to Tracey Wistrom against UAB, then had a career-best day passing in relief of Eric Crouch at California, completing 9-of-12 passes for 106 yards and one TD (five yards to Shevin Wiggins). Christo did not play in the Oklahoma State or Texas A&M games, then rushed for 62 yards, including a career-long 42-yard run against Kansas. He again came off the bench in relief against Missouri, this time for Newcombe. Christo took over the second half, guiding NU on two TD drives, back from a 13-6 halftime deficit, tying it up at the end of three and leading the Huskers to a 20-13 victory. Christo rushed for a career-high 67 yards on a career-high 20 carries and scored his first and second TDs of his career in the second half (1-yard run and 3-yard run). When Christo got the starting nod the next week against Texas, he became just the fifth Husker walk-on to start a game at quarterback since 1973 and the first since Matt Turman started against Kansas State in 1994 (also Steve Runty, 1973; Tim Hager, 1979; and Travis Turner, 1984). It also marked the first time since 1994 that three different Husker quarterbacks started at least one game in the season. In his only start, Christo was 4-4 passing for 58 yards but had minus three yards rushing on seven carries. He scored his third TD of the season with a 16-yard run at Iowa State. On the season, Christo totaled 233 rushing yards and three TDs on 59 carries (seven games). He completed a team-best 68 percent of his passes (19-of-28) for 261 yards and two TDs. An excellent student, Christo has already taken his MCAT, graduated, and earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors with a 3.681 cumulative GPA in biological sciences. In 1997, Christo suffered a cracked vertebrae during fall camp and missed the first game. He played in five games, rushing two times for 17 yards. In 1996, Christo played in five games, rushing three times for 35 yards. He missed all of 1995 spring ball after having lower back surgery, then suffered a season-ending knee injury on the first day of fall camp. In 1994, Christo was forced into action when both Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer were out with injuries. He played in one game (Missouri, no statistics). He is the only current Husker to have played on the 1994 national championship team. For more on Christo, see page 127 of the 1998 NU Football Media Guide.

Monte Christo's Career Statistics

Year	G	Rushing No.-Yds-TDs	Passing A-C-I-Yds-TDs	Total Offense No-Yds-TDs
1994	1	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0
1995		Medical Redshirt		
1996	5	3-35-0	0-0-0-0-0	3-35-0
1997	5	2-17-0	0-0-0-0-0	2-17-0
1998	7	59-223-3	28-19-0-261-2	87-484-5
Total	**18**	**64-275-3**	**28-19-0-261-2**	**92-536-5**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Rushing none, Passing none

#7 Eric Crouch

Quarterback
6-0, 200, Fr.
Letters: One
Omaha, Neb.
(Millard North)

- **ABC/Chevrolet NU Player of the Game vs. Kansas Sate, 11/14/98**

Redshirt freshman quarterback Eric Crouch began the season as the Huskers' No. 2 quarterback behind Bobby Newcombe. But after Newcombe tore his PCL in the season opener, Crouch stepped up to the plate and proved to be a solid replacement. He has shown improvement in every game and is expected to start the Holiday Bowl after starting the last three games and five total on the season, posting a 4-1 record. Crouch started against UAB and Cal, then sat out the Washington game with a hamstring pull. Except for holding duties, he sat out three more games (A&M, Kansas and Missouri) with a hip pointer suffered in limited action in the Oklahoma State game. In his first career start against UAB, he completed 11-of-17 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown to lead NU to a 38-7 win. Crouch rushed for 74 yards and two scores, including a 59-yard TD, the longest run by a Husker quarterback since Mickey Joseph (70 yards) in 1990. At Cal, Crouch ran for two first-half touchdowns and 59 yards on 16 carries and completed 6-of-16 passes for 74 yards before injuring a hamstring. Against Texas, Crouch replaced Christo and nearly led the Huskers to victory. Crouch rushed for a career-high 108 yards on 17 carries and scored NU's only touchdown on the day. It was the first of two 100-yard rushing days for Crouch and the only ones by a Husker QB this season. Crouch also completed 6-13 passes for 59 yards with no interceptions. In his third start of the season and first since Sept. 12, Crouch rushed for 91 yards against Iowa State on Nov. 7, but in snowy conditions, only completed 4-8 passes for 44 yards and had an interception. Crouch equaled his career-best, rushing for 108 yards on 22 carries against No. 1/2 (AP/Coaches) Kansas State in Manhattan. K-State entered the game ranked second in the nation against the rush and in total defense. Crouch promptly led NU to a TD on its first possession and in the game threw for a career-high 139 yards, completing 10-of-21 passes. Crouch had three touchdown passes against the Wildcats and a career-best day with 247 total offense yards, with touchdown passes of eight, 45 and nine yards. His 45-yard pass to Kenny Cheatham was the longest pass completion of Crouch's career. Against Colorado, Crouch completed 10 of his career-high 22 pass attempts for 123 yards, posting his second consecutive 100-yard passing day (threw one interception). On the season, Crouch finished with 601 passing yards and 459 rushing yards (five TDs) in eight games. He completed 49-101 passes (49 percent) with four TDs and four interceptions and led the Huskers with 1,060 yards of total offense (132.5 ypg). Crouch is the first Omahan to start at quarterback since Bob Churchich (1964-66). Crouch took a medical hardship in 1997 after having surgery on his right ankle and left knee in August. He was able to return to practice in late November. Crouch was a high school All-American "athlete" playing quarterback for Millard North in Omaha. For more on Crouch, please see page 128 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Eric Crouch's Career Statistics

Year	Rushing No.-Yds-TDs	Passing A-C-I-Yds-TDs	Total Offense No-Yds-TDs
1997	Medical Redshirt		
1998	96-459-5	101-49-4-601-4	197-1060-9
Total	**96-459-5**	**101-49-4-601-4**	**197-1060-9**

#12 Bobby Newcombe

Quarterback

6-0, 195, So.
Letters: Two
Albuquerque, N.M.
(Highland)

- **1998 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**
- **School Record for Total Offense Attempts in a Game with 50 vs. Texas A&M, 10/10/98**

Sophomore quarterback Bobby Newcombe was named the Huskers' No. 1 quarterback the day after spring ball concluded in 1998. He led the Huskers to victory in the early season opener vs. Louisiana Tech, but suffered a torn PCL in his left knee in that game. After sitting out the UAB and California games, Newcombe was cleared by medical personnel and had an incredible day against No. 9 Washington, leading the Huskers to a 55-7 victory with three rushing TDs. But Newcombe was never able to return to full speed. After sitting out a couple of days of practice over the next six weeks, but starting the next five games, it was determined Newcombe needed to rest the knee. The tear has not required surgery at this date, but Newcombe has not yet returned to practice after sitting since Oct. 24. He is doubtful for the bowl game.

Newcombe made one of the most impressive first-game starts by a quarterback in Nebraska history in NU's 56-27 win over Louisiana Tech. He had two rushing touchdowns, while completing 9-of-10 passes for 168 yards and one touchdown. His 90 percent completion percentage was the second best in school history and he connected with Sheldon Jackson for a career-long 48-yard TD pass. After sitting out the UAB and Cal games, Newcombe had his best game against then-No.9 Washington. He ran for a career-best 79 yards on 14 carries and had three rushing touchdowns, scoring on runs of three, two and two yards in the 55-7 win. He also completed 5-of-8 passes for 84 yards. It was the only game this season when both Newcombe and DeAngelo Evans were able to let it all hang out. The projected season starters, Newcombe and Evans were paired as starters in just three games, but against Washington, they totaled 225 yards and six TDs rushing. Against Oklahoma State, Newcombe rushed for 22 yards on 13 carries, including a game-high 20-yard run and completed 9-15 passes for 112 yards. He had a 6-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to break a 3-all tie at half and lead NU to a 24-17 victory in the first conference game of the season. At Texas A&M, Newcombe set a school record and career best with 50 total offense attempts in the 28-21 loss. Newcombe's 50 plays eclipsed the mark held previously by John Bordogna, who had 49 offense attempts (21 rush, 28 pass) against Iowa State on Nov. 10, 1951. Against the Aggies, Newcombe ran for 58 yards on 26 carries and had an 11-yard touchdown run to lead the Huskers in rushing. Through the air, he was 15-for-27 for a career-best and team-season-high 204 yards and one interception. In the fourth quarter, Newcombe completed 11-of-18 passes for 145 yards as the Huskers almost rallied from a 28-7 deficit. He set career bests for passing attempts (27), pass completions (15), rushing attempts (23) and passing yards (204) in the contest. Against Kansas, he put together a solid effort as he improved to 4-1 as a starter. Letting the offense work around him, Newcombe ran for 26 yards on 11 carries, including a 1-yard touchdown run, and completed 5-of-8 passes for 79 yards. In the game, the Huskers amassed a season-best 466 rushing yards and 545 total yards. Newcombe played the first half in the Huskers' 20-13 come-from-behind win over Missouri. In one half of action, Newcombe rushed for 33 yards on nine carries and completed 7-of-11 passes for 65 yards. In the final drive before halftime, he marched the Huskers 68 yards in the final 3:46 to set up a field goal as the half expired. On that drive, he completed 6-of-9 passes and capped the 14-play drive with a 12-yard run on 2nd-and-10 to the Mizzou 12. Kris Brown kicked a 30-yard field goal to bring NU within a touchdown. That 12-yard run turned out to be his last of the season, as he was replaced in the second half by Monte Christo and did not play in the last four games, resting his knee. Newcombe finished the season with 712 yards passing, completing 50-of-79 passes with just one interception. He had a 63.3 completion percentage and tied Correll Buckhalter for the team lead in rushing TDs with eight. He had 83 rushes for 228 yards.

In 1997, Newcombe played in the first two games as the No. 3 quarterback, completing one pass for 15 yards and rushing for 32 yards vs. Akron and five vs. Central Florida. He made the move to wingback after the Washington game. He totaled 156 yards rushing on 16 carries, including a 16-yard touchdown vs. Iowa State. He finished as NU's sixth-leading receiver with seven catches for 173 yards and had a team-best 24.7 yards per catch. He had one touchdown reception--a 40-yard season-long catch from Scott Frost vs. Oklahoma. He had 12 punt returns for 244 yards and one kickoff return for 16 yards. Newcombe had a season-best 167 all-purpose yards against Oklahoma with a season-high 2-60 punt returns (including a career-long and team season-best 57 yarder); 3-88 receiving (88 yards was team single game best); and two carries for 19 yards rushing. He had a 40-yard reception for a TD on NU's first play of the first series in the second quarter to give NU a 27-0 lead and a spectacular one-hand grab along the sideline in the third quarter. Against Iowa State, Newcombe recorded his first career punt return for a score with a 53-yard return that put NU up 14-0. Newcombe also rushed two times for 31 yards, including a 16-yard TD and caught a 25-yard pass. In the Big 12 Championship game against Texas A&M, Newcombe had a 25-yard run on a reverse, a 26-yard reception from Frost, a 40-yard punt return and had 108 yards in the game. Newcombe finished fourth on the team in all-purpose yards with 156 rushing, 173 receiving, 244 on punt returns and 16 on kickoff returns for 589 total (49.1 yards per game). Newcombe's 20.3 yards per punt return (12-244-1) would have ranked first nationally and first in Big 12, but he was short of the prerequisite 1.2 returns. In the Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee, Newcombe rushed for 16 yards, caught one 22-yard pass and had two punt returns for 22 yards. For more information on Newcombe, please see page 118 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

NU Quarterbacks 1998 Game-By-Game

	Newcombe		Crouch		Christo	
	Rush	Pass	Rush	Pass	Rush	Pass
	A-Y-TD	A-C-Y-TD	A-Y-TD	A-C-Y-TD	A-Y-TD	A-C-Y-TD
La Tech	*12-12-2	10-9-168-1	1-6-0	3-1-5-0	DNP	
UAB	Inj.		*7-69-2	17-11-127-1	3-11-0	4-4-81-1
at Cal.	Inj.		*16-59-2	16-6-74-0	13-32-0	**12-9-106-1**
Wash.	***14-79-3**	8-5-84-0	Inj.		4-20-0	1-1-9-0
OSU+	*13-22-1	15-9-112-0	1-0-0	1-1-30-0	DNP	
at A&M	***23-56-1**	**27-15-204-0**	Inj.		DNP	
Kansas	*12-26-1	8-5-79-0	Inj.		7-62-0	1-0-0-0
Mizzou	*9-33-0	11-7-65-0	DNP		**20-67-2**	5-1-7-0
Texas	Inj.		17-**108**-1	13-6-59-0	*7--3-0	4-4-58-0
at ISU	Inj.		*15-91-0	8-4-44-0	5-34-1	1-0-0-0
at KSU	Inj.		***22-108-0**	21-10-**139-3**	DNP	
Colo.	Inj.		*17-18-0	**22**-10-123-0	DNP	
Totals	83-228-8	79-50-712-1	96-459-5	101-49-601-4	59-223-3	28-19-261-2

Interceptions: (5) Newcombe (1) vs. Texas A&M; Crouch (4) vs. Cal, ISU, KSU, CU; +at Kansas City * indicates start, **career bests in bold**

Bobby Newcombe's Career Statistics

Year	Rushing No.-Yds-TDs	Passing A-C-I-Yds-TDs	Total Offense No-Yds-TDs
1997	16-156-1	1-1-0-15-0	17-171-1
1998	74-195-8	68-43-1-647-1	142-857-9
Total	**90-351-9**	**69-44-1-662-1**	**159-1,028-10**

Tackles: 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT, 1997; **All-Purpose:** 589 (49.1 ypg) in 1997; 228 (38.8) in 1998, 817 total with 11 TDs

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receiving 1-22; Punt Returns 2-22, long of 11; Rushing 3-16

Offensive Line Aids NU to No. 6 Rush Ranking

#72 Ben Gessford

Tackle/Guard
6-2, 290, Sr.
Letters: Two
Lincoln, Neb.
(East)

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII**
- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**

Ben Gessford is one of two starters who hail from Lincoln (also Erwin Swiney). Gessford, Josh Heskew and Brandt Wade are the only seniors among the three deep across the five offensive line positions. Willing to help where needed most, Gessford was a model of versatility in 1998, spending significant time at four of the five O-line positions (all but center). He started the first nine games at right guard and also backed up the left guard and both tackle positions. He gave way his starting position to Russ Hochstein for the Iowa State game in order to shore up tackle and give Adam Julch (LT) and Jason Schwab (RT) some relief. He will back up both tackle positions in the Holiday Bowl. Gessford was sixth on the team in "pancakes" (knock-down blocks) with 62 (5.2 per game) and had a career-best 11 in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech. In 1997, Gessford played in nine games plus the Orange Bowl, backing up Jon Zatechka and Matt Hoskinson at right guard. In 1995 and 1996, Gessford saw limited action as a reserve, playing in seven games total. A former walk-on, and one of six on the '98 team with starting experience, Gessford redshirted in 1994. Gessford graduated from East High School. With a 3.548 cumulative GPA in psychology, Gessford earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors and GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors in 1998. For more on Gessford, please see page 131 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Guide.

#59 Josh Heskew

Center
Team Co-Captain
6-3, 290, Sr.
Letters: Four
Mustang, Okla.

- **First-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, AP, Football News, Austin American Statesman, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle)**
- **December, 1998 Graduate in Secondary Education**

Senior center Josh Heskew anchored a young offensive line which had to break in four new starters in 1998. This season, after missing all of spring ball with back surgery, Heskew led the Huskers with 122 "pancake" blocks (10.2 per game) and assisted the Huskers to a No. 6 national ranking in rushing. Heskew had double-figure pancakes in seven games, including each of the last three. He set a school record with 23 pancakes in the 24-3 win at California and was the only Husker to hit the 20-'cake mark this season. After a five-pancake performance against Missouri and setting the opponent down just once against Texas, Heskew had 16 vs. Iowa State, 11 vs. Kansas State and 17 vs. Colorado, leading the team each week. He also had 13-pancake blocks as the Huskers rushed for 434 yards on the ground against Washington; 10 vs. Kansas, when NU had a season-best 466 yards on the ground; and 10 vs. UAB. For his efforts, Heskew earned first-team All-Big 12 honors by the AP, coaches, and four news outlets. He is one of nine Huskers playing in the bowl game with degree in hand, having picked up his diploma (secondary education) on Dec. 19. Heskew missed all of spring ball with a broken foot in 1997, but started every game at center in 1997. He helped lead NU to the national rushing title and had 116 pancakes on the season. Heskew earned his first career start against Virginia Tech in the 1996 Orange Bowl, and has started 26 consecutive games since. He played in every regular-season game, except Arizona State, in 1996, and in nine games as a freshman in 1995, aiding NU to the rushing title. He has played in three bowl games and this year's Holiday Bowl will be his third bowl start. Heskew did not enroll until January of 1994 after tearing his ACL in the Oklahoma Shrine game, playing for Mustang. He redshirted in 1994. For more on Josh Heskew, please see page 108 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#55 Russ Hochstein

Offensive Guard
6-3, 280, So.
Letters: Two
Hartington, Neb.
(Cedar Catholic)

- **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**

Russ Hochstein (pronounced HOKE-stine) improved each game out and was inserted into the starting lineup at right guard for the Huskers' last three games. He will start the Holiday Bowl for NU. A promising talent, Hochstein finished fifth on the team with 71 "pancakes," (5.9 per game) including a career-best 15 vs. Washington and 11 against No. 2/1 Kansas State. Hochstein, along with Dave Volk (RT) Dominic Raiola (center/snapper), James Sherman (LG) and Kyle Kollmorgen (LT) was a member of the NU PAT and field goal units. He earned honorable-mention all-conference honors from the Big 12 coaches. In 1997, Hochstein saw action in five games as a backup at right guard after redshirting in 1996. Hochstein played on the defensive line and middle linebacker at Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, Neb., earning all-class honors in 1995. He was also a talented basketball center, shot and discus thrower and baseball player. For more on Russ Hochstein, please see page 132 of the 1998 NU Football Media Guide.

Offensive Line Numbers in 1998

Pancakes (knock-down blocks)--588 (49.0 per game)
Pancake High--88 vs. No. 9 Washington
Pancake Low--26 vs. Texas
Sacks Allowed (by O-Line players only)--18 (1.5 per game)
Sacks High--4 vs. Texas A&M and Texas
Sacks Low--0 vs. UAB, Washington, Kansas, Missouri and ISU
O-Line Penalties--8 (0.67 per game)
O-Line Penalties High--2 vs. Louisiana Tech and Washington
O-Line Penalties Low--0 vs. UAB, Cal, OSU, Missouri, UT and ISU
Team Season Totals--Rushing: 253.8 (1st Big 12; 6th in nation)
Passing: 131.2 (10/98); **Tot. Offense:** 383.9 (4/39), **Scoring:** 31.9 (3/23)

#69 Adam Julch

Offensive Tackle
6-5, 315, Jr.
Letters: Three
Omaha, Neb.
(Burke)

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**
- **Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**

Adam Julch started the first 11 games at left tackle and backed up Gessford in the Huskers' regular-season finale against Colorado. Julch had suffered a dislocated right ankle in the spring game and subsequent surgery limited him during fall practice and his mobility throughout the year. Despite the injury, he played in every game and finished seventh in "pancakes" with 57 (4.8 per game). He had a season and career best of nine vs. Louisiana Tech and Washington. In 1997, Julch played in 10 games as Fred Pollack's backup at left tackle. He assisted the Huskers to national statistical titles in 1997 in rushing (392.6), total offense (513.7) and scoring offense (47.1). Julch was also a member of the Huskers' PAT and field goal units. Julch had 10 pancakes on the season, including a season-high three vs. Oklahoma. A scholarship athlete, Julch redshirted in 1995 and played in six games in 1996. For more information on Adam Julch, please see page 134 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

#65 Jason Schwab

Offensive Tackle
6-1, 300, Jr.
Letters: Two
Eagan, Minn.
(Cretin-Derham Hall)

- **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**

A former walk-on, Jason Schwab earned a scholarship before the start of the 1997 season. After playing in 10 games last season as the backup right tackle to All-Big 12 senior Eric Anderson, Schwab earned a starting role in 1998, earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors. He started every game at right tackle and finished third on the team in "pancakes" as the Huskers ranked first in the Big 12 and sixth nationally in rushing. Schwab had 79 knock-down blocks on the season (6.6 per game) with a career-best 12 vs. California. In 1997, Schwab helped the Huskers win the national rushing title and the national title in 1997. He played in 10 games at right tackle, backing up Eric Anderson. He posted 17 pancakes, with a season-best five vs. Baylor. Schwab was also a member of the Huskers' PAT and field goal units. Schwab did not see action in 1996 and redshirted in 1995. He is one of six former walk-ons to start this season for Nebraska. For more information on Jason Schwab, please see page 142 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#54 Dominic Raiola

Guard/Center/Snapper
6-2, 300, Fr.
Letters: One
Honolulu, Hawaii
(St. Louis School)

Redshirt freshman Dominic Raiola (pronounced Ray-OH-luh) and junior Russ Hochstein, performed well in 1998, continually improving and showing great promise for the Husker offensive line in the future. Raiola is an explosive and versatile athlete. He saw significant playing time backing up center Josh Heskew and starting guards James Sherman (left) and Ben Gessford/Russ Hochstein (right). Raiola was also the team's deep snapper on punts, field goals and PATs and earned a head-hunter title on punt coverage as he was generally the first guy down field. He had four tackles (one solo) in 12 games. Although he only started one game (the season finale against Colorado), Raiola finished fourth in "pancakes" with 76 (6.3 per game) and had double-figure pancakes in four games. He led the team in knock-down blocks three times with 10 vs. UAB, 11 vs. Kansas and 10 vs. Missouri. He also had 10 in his only start against Colorado. One of two Husker players from Hawaii (also redshirting freshman linebacker Tony Tata), Raiola redshirted in 1997. He played offensive guard and tackle at St. Louis School and helped his teams go undefeated his last three years before becoming NU's first Hawaiian scholarship football player. For more on Dominic Raiola, please see page 141 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#63 James Sherman

Offensive Guard
6-2, 295, Jr.
Letters: Three
LaVerne, Calif.
(Whittier)

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**
- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**
- **1997 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**

James Sherman is one of four new starters on the Husker offensive line. Like Julch and Heskew, Sherman has been hampered with a nagging knee injury. In 1998, Sherman played in every game and started all but the regular-season finale vs. Colorado at left guard. He was also a member of the Huskers' PAT and field goal units. He finished second to Heskew in "pancakes" with 88 (7.3 per game) and helped the Huskers rank sixth in rushing, 23rd in scoring offense and 39th in total offense this season. With a 3.236 cumulative grade-point average in criminal justice, Sherman earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors and was nominated for academic All-America awards. In 1997, Sherman was a valuable backup, except for the two games when he was injured (knee strain). Sherman battled a knee strain, but played in 10 games as a sophomore in 1997 and, after Matt Hoskinson, was the first sub on the offensive line. He had 21 pancakes on the year, including a career-best 10 vs. Baylor. Sherman had knee trouble in 1996, but still played in nine games at left guard, after redshirting in 1995. For more information on James Sherman, please see page 142 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

The Nebraska Cornhusker Running Backs ...

#45 Joel Makovicka

Fullback
Team Co-Captain
5-11, 240, Sr.
Letters: Four
Brainard, Neb.
(East Butler)

- **1998 Doak Walker Award Nominee**
- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American (1997, 1998)**
- **1998 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship Winner ($18,000, 1 of 10 Division I)**
- **1998 Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week (vs. Colorado, $10,000 to school's general scholarship fund)**
- **School Career Record for Most TDs by a Fullback with 13**
- **Two-Time CoSIDA/GTE Academic All-District VII (1997, 1998)**
- **Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1996, 1997, 1998)**
- **1997 Sports Illustrated All-Walk-on Team**
- **Two-Time Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches, 1997, 1998)**

Senior fullback Joel Makovicka, a nominee for the Doak Walker Award, finished his career as one of the most decorated fullbacks to play for the Huskers. He owns the Nebraska fullback record for touchdowns scored (13) and finished third on the NU all-time fullback rushing list (28th overall) with 1,447 yards on 247 carries for an outstanding 5.89 career average per carry. The former walk-on finished just 30 yards behind second (Dick Davis, 1966-68) and 291 yards behind record holder Andra Franklin (1977-80). Makovicka earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors the last two seasons--not a bad feat considering the bulk of talent competing for two running back positions, and became the 11th Husker to win back-to-back first-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Makovicka earned a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame $18,000 postgraduate scholarship and was a Burger King Scholar-Athlete for the Colorado game, responsible for a $10,000 donation to the school's general scholarship fund.

This season, Makovicka finished third on the team with 458 yards rushing, averaging 4.7 yards per carry, 38.2 yards per game and two TDs scored. He also caught a career-best four catches for 67 yards, including a career-long 25 yarder vs. Kansas. He had two catches for 25 yards vs. Iowa State and 1-17 vs. UAB. Makovicka began the season with a milestone performance. Although he had just 10 carries for 47 yards against Louisiana Tech, that put him over the 1,000 career rushing mark. Makovicka had at least 50 yards in four separate games with a season-best 77 (on a career-high 13 carries) vs. California. Makovicka had 51 yards on eight carries and scored on a 9-yard run against Texas A&M. That touchdown set the school record for most career touchdowns by a fullback (13), breaking the previous record of 12 held by Tom Rathman (1981-85) and Bill Thornton (1960-62). His other touchdown of the season was a 3-yard run vs. UAB. Makovicka had an 11-carry, 65-yard effort against No. 9 Washington. Against No. 19 Missouri, he carried seven times for 31 yards and against No. 2/1 Kansas State, he had 28 yards on five carries. In addition, Makovicka is generally regarded as one of the best blocking fullbacks on any Husker team and had a reputation as a vocal team captain. Makovicka has already taken the MCAT and plans to go to medical school.

In 1997, Makovicka posted the fourth-best rushing effort in the country by a fullback, the school's fourth-best mark by a fullback, and led all fullbacks nationally with a 6.5 ypc average. "Mak" rushed 105 times for 685 yards and a fullback-record nine TDs. He set another Nebraska fullback record with three rushing touchdowns in the Oklahoma game. Makovicka rushed for 50 yards or more in each of the first three games with a career-best 129 yards on 12 carries vs. No. 2 Washington. In that game, Makovicka didn't score, but averaged 10.8 yards per carry, and had five carries for 82 yards in the fourth quarter alone; including a career-best run of 43 yards. Makovicka's 129 yards were the most by a Husker fullback since Bryan Carpenter (now a computer video technician with the Huskers) rushed for 102 against Utah in 1989. Makovicka had 50 or more yards in seven games and topped the 100-yard mark again with 10-101 vs. Oklahoma. He had two rushing TDs vs. Akron and Kansas, and solo scores against Baylor and Iowa State. Makovicka was not tagged for a loss when rushing. He also caught five passes for 60 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown reception vs. Texas Tech. It was his first reception of the year and the first time a Nebraska fullback had caught a touchdown pass since Lance Lewis did so in the 19-10 loss to Iowa State in 1992.

In 1996, Makovicka played in 10 games and earned one start against Kansas. Makovicka rushed 23 times for 119 yards, for a 5.2 average per carry and 11.9 yards per game. Makovicka's best day rushing was against Kansas, when he had five carries for 49 yards, including a season-long run of 23 yards. He also caught three passes for 28 yards, including a long of 17 yards vs. Missouri, when he had two receptions for 25 yards. Makovicka also had three tackles on special teams, and was on the receiving end of a successful two-point conversion pass from holder Jon Vedral vs. Iowa State.

As a freshman, Joel played behind his brother, Jeff, and Brian Schuster at fullback. He played in every game and had 22 carries for 185 yards, averaging 8.4 yards per carry. He scored two TDs and had a season-long run of 39 yards vs. Oklahoma State. He played eight-man football at East Butler High School, then redshirted in 1994. For more on Makovicka, see pages 106-107 of the 1998 NU Media Guide.

Joel Makovicka's Career Statistics

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long		TDs
1994	Redshirted									
1995	11/0	22	187	2	185	8.4	16.8	39	vs. OSU	2
1996	10/1	23	123	4	119	5.2	11.9	23	vs. KU	0
1997	12/10	105	685	0	685	6.5	60.7	43	vs. Wash	9
1998	12/11	97	463	5	458	4.7	38.2	23	vs. Wash	2
Total	**45/22**	**247**	**1,458**	**11**	**1,447**	**5.9**	**32.1**	**43**	**vs. Wash**	**13**

Tackles: 1 UT, 2 AT, 3 TT in 1995; 2 UT, 1 AT, 3 TT in 1996; 1UT, 0AT, 1TT in 1997; 1 UT, 1AT, 2 TT in 1998; 5 UT, 4 AT, 9 TT total
Receiving: 3-28-0 in 1996; 5-60-1 in 1997 (TD vs. TTU), long of 21 vs. A&M; 4-67-0 in 1998; 12-155-1; 12-155-1 total
1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Rushing 2-4; Tackles 0 UT, 3 AT, 3 TT; **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** Rushing 4-12; Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT; **1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee:** Rushing 9-61

Nebraska Top Rushing Seasons by a Fullback

Name	Year	Att.	Yards	Y/C	TDs
1. Tom Rathman	1985	118	881	7.5	8
2. Dick Davis	1967	162	717	4.4	1
3. Jerry Brown	1956	129	690	5.3	5
4. Joel Makovicka	**1997**	**105**	**685**	**6.5**	**9**
5. Andra Franklin	1980	120	678	5.7	3

Nebraska Top Rushing Careers by a Fullback

Name	Years	Att.	Yards	Y/C	TDs	Overall Rank
1. Andra Franklin	1977-80	324	1,738	5.36	10	21
2. Dick Davis	1966-68	349	1,477	4.23	4	27
3. Joel Makovicka	**1995-98**	**247**	**1,447**	**5.89**	**13**	**28**
4. Tom Rathman	1981-85	220	1,425	6.48	12	29
5. Bill Thornton	1960-62	295	1,328	4.50	12	32

Led by Academic All-American Joel Makovicka

NU I-Backs Game-By-Game Rushing

1998	Buckhalter	Evans	Alexander
	Att.-Net-TDs	Att.-Net-TDs	Att.-Net-TDs
La Tech	*19-**143**-2	Inj.	8-24-1
UAB	*19-96-0	Inj.	3-23-0
at California	*12-71-0	Inj.	6-15-0
Washington	4-27-1	*13-146-**3**	5-25-0
Oklahoma St.+	0-0-0	*15-41-1	DNP
at Texas A&M	2-7-1	*10-31-0	DNP
Kansas	*18-133-**3**	Inj.	15-90-0
Missouri	***25**-125-0	Inj.	0-0-0
Texas	*8-18-0	Inj.	8-60-0
at Iowa State	7-33-1	Inj.	***22-110-3**
at KSU	13-54-0	Inj.	*3-22-0
Colo.	*15-92-0	Inj.	Inj.
Totals	**142-799-8**	**38-218-4**	**70-369-4**

+at Kansas City

1997	Buckhalter	Evans	Alexander
	Att.-Net-TDs	Att.-Net-TDs	Att.-Net-TDs
Akron	11-61-0	Inj.	Inj.
Cent. Florida	11-82-2	Inj.	0-0-0
at Washington	5-34-0	Inj.	DNP
Kansas State	1-2-0	Inj.	5-7-0
at Baylor	7-51-0	Inj.	DNP
Texas Tech	4-7-0	Inj.	2-20-0
at Kansas	0-0-0	Inj.	2-8-0
Oklahoma	9-54-2	Inj.	4-9-0
at Missouri	1--1-0	Inj.	DNP
Iowa State	5-21-0	Inj.	3-24-0
at Colorado	0-0-0	Inj.	DNP
Texas A&M	0-0-0	Inj.	DNP
Totals	**54-311-6**	**0-0-0**	**16-68-0**
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee			
	2-10-0	Inj.	1-1-0

1996	Evans
	Att.-Net-TDs
Mich State	1-2-0
at Ariz. State	DNP
Colorado State	6-72-1
at Kansas State	21-**168**-2
Baylor	12-105-2
at Texas Tech	6-24-0
Kansas	12-42-1
at Oklahoma	13-36-2
Missouri	8-20-2
at Iowa State	12-54-0
Colorado	25-123-1
Texas	***32**-130-**3**
Totals	**148-776-14**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: (Evans DNP--inj.)
*** indicates start, career bests in bold**

Makovicka's Husker Records

◆ **Season...Touchdowns in a Season by a Fullback--** 9 in 1997 (ties Mark Schellen, 1983)
◆ **Game...Touchdowns in a Game by a Fullback--** 3 vs. Okla., 1997
◆ **Career...Touchdowns in Career by a Fullback--** 13

#38 Dan Alexander

I-back
6-0, 250, So.,
Letters: Two
Wentzville, Mo.

◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**

Sophomore Dan Alexander began the season as the Huskers' No. 3 I-back behind sophomores DeAngelo Evans and Correll Buckhalter. He eventually became the starter, but will not play in the bowl game with a season-ending knee injury. His role increased dramatically in midseason when Evans missed the last six games with a bruised tailbone.

In 1998 Alexander scored his first career touchdown against Louisiana Tech on a 4-yard run in the Huskers' season opener. Alexander continued to improve each game out and averaged 17.4 yards per game on 4.4 carries in the first five games, then had an excellent game off the bench vs. Kansas. Nebraska was looking for a spark in its running game and found it with Alexander's hard-to-tackle, straight-ahead power game. Alexander ran for 90 yards on 15 carries against Kansas, did not have any carries against Missouri, then rushed for 60 yards on eight carries against Texas, including a career-long 22-yard run, which gave the Huskers one last chance on their final drive. He rushed for 35 of NU's 57 yards on a fourth-quarter drive which ended with a Kris Brown field goal that put the Huskers ahead 16-13 with 8:33 left. His yards against Texas all came in the second half. Nebraska coaches decided to make good use of his size (6-0) and strength (250) and inserted him into the lineup at snowy Iowa State. Against the Cyclones, Alexander ran for a career-high 110 yards and three touchdowns in his first career start. Alexander scored on runs of nine, three and one yards as the Huskers ran for 359 yards on the ground. Alexander drew his second start against top-ranked Kansas State the next week, and had three carries for 22 yards, but on NU's second series, he suffered a right knee strain. Alexander had subsequent surgery on Nov. 17 to repair the lateral collateral ligament in his right knee and to repair a hamstring tendon. He missed the season finale against Colorado and will not play in the bowl game. With a 3.147 cumulative grade-point average in general studies, the Missouri native was named honorable-mention academic All-Big 12.

In 1997, Alexander had a slow start, recovering from ACL surgery on his left knee, after suffering the injury in the spring game. The injury kept him out of the first game and limited his action for the first few weeks of the season. Alexander played in six games and rushed 16 times for 68 net yards. His long was 18 yards against Texas Tech and his best day was three carries for 24 yards against Iowa State. He had a season-high five carries vs. Kansas State. Alexander is a scholarship athlete who redshirted in 1996. He had an outstanding spring in 1997, but then tore his ACL in the spring game. Alexander was an All-America fullback and played linebacker at Wentzville High School. For more information on Dan Alexander, please see page 125 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

Dan Alexander's Career Statistics

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1996	Redshirted								
1997	6/0	16	74	6	68	4.3	11.3	18 vs. Tech	0
1998	9/2	67	360	13	347	5.2	43.4	22 vs.Texas	4
Total	**15/2**	**83**	**434**	**19**	**415**	**5.0**	**29.6**	**22 vs. Texas**	**4**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Rushing, 1-1

Three Different Huskers Start at I-back

#36 Correll Buckhalter

I-back
6-0, 225, So.
Letters: Two
Collins, Miss.

Sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter enters the bowl game as the probable starter at I-back. This season, Buckhalter was Nebraska's leading rusher with 799 yards in 12 games (66.6 average per game). He tied for the team lead in touchdowns with eight (tied Newcombe) and averaged 5.6 yards per carry. Buckhalter played in all 12 games and started seven (first three, games 7-9 and last game vs. Colorado). He has rushed for more than 100 yards in three of his seven starts, rushing for a career-best 143 yards in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (19 carries, two TDs). His other 100-yard rushing games were against Kansas (18-133), when he had a career-best three TDs (32, six and three yards), and the next week against Missouri, when he had a career-high 25 carries for 125 yards. He came close to the 100-yard mark two other times as he had 96 vs. UAB and 92 vs. Colorado, when he had a career-long 52-yard run. In addition to his two TDs vs. La Tech and three vs. Kansas, he had a 3-yard TD run vs. No. 9 Washington and a 7-yard touchdown at No. 19 Texas A&M. Buckhalter has had two or more TDs in a game five times in his career. This season, Buckhalter became the 47th back in Husker history to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark in a career. He now has 1,112 yards on 196 carries (5.7 ypc) in 24 games (46.3 ypg), hitting the milestone with his 54 yards (on 13 carries) vs. No. 2/1 Kansas State. Buckhalter ranked tied for fourth on the team in receptions with 13 and fifth in receiving yards with 88. His best was three catches twice (3-18 vs. UAB and 3-29 vs. Colorado). He had a career-best 21-yard catch against Colorado and the 29 yards in receptions is also a game best. Buckhalter was also an upback on the NU punt team.

In 1997, Buckhalter served as Ahman Green's backup at I-back. Buckhalter posted the ninth-best rushing year by a Nebraska freshman, totaling 311 yards on 54 carries for 5.8 yards per carry. He averaged 28.3 yards per game and had six TDs on the season with two in three different games--Akron, Central Florida and Oklahoma. He had 11 carries in each of the first two games and totaled more than 50 yards four times with a season best of 82 vs. Central Florida. His season-long run was 25 yards on a non-scoring play vs. No. 2 Washington. His longest TD run was 15 yards vs. Oklahoma. Buckhalter also caught three passes for six yards, including a long of seven vs. Washington. Buckhalter was an upback on the NU punt team. Nebraska's third scholarship recruit out of Mississippi, Buckhalter rushed for 1,722 yards and 12 TDs for Collins High School in 1996. For more information on Correll Buckhalter, please see page 126 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

Correll Buckhalter's Career Statistics

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1997	12/0	105	685	0	685	6.5	60.7	43 vs. Wash	9
1998	12/7	142	822	23	799	5.6	66.6	52 vs. Colo	8
Total	**24/7**	**247**	**1,507**	**23**	**1,484**	**6.0**	**61.8**	**52 vs. Colo**	**17**

Receiving: 3-6-0 in 1997; 13-88-0 in 1998; 16-94-0 total
Tackles: 0 UT, 2 AT, 2 TT in 1997
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Rushing 2-10; Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

#4 DeAngelo Evans

I-back
5-9, 210, So.,
Letters: Two
Wichita, Kan. (Collegiate)

◆ ABC/Chevrolet NU Player of the Game vs. Washington, 9/26/98

Sophomore I-back DeAngelo Evans has been hampered by a series of injuries this season, but has been back to practice for more than a month now and enters the bowl game listed even with Buckhalter. However, he has not played since the Oct. 10 Texas A&M game. He suffered a left knee strain during fall practice and had a scope a week before the season opener. After sitting out the first three games, he returned to have a season-best game vs. No. 9 Washington, assisting the Huskers to a 55-7 slaughter. The Washington game was his first game since the Big 12 Championship game against Texas on Dec. 7, 1996, as he sat out the bowl game and all of the 1997 championship season with a groin injury (required two surgeries). Against the Huskies on Sept. 26, he rushed 13 times for a game-high and team season-best 146 yards (11.2 yards per carry) and tied his career best with three TDs (also had three rushing TDs against Texas in the 1996 big 12 Championship game). It was his fifth 100-yard rushing game. Evans scored NU's second, third and fourth TDs of the game, all in the first half, on runs of 60 (season best, and team season best), 14 and 19 yards. For his efforts, he was the ABC/Chevrolet NU player of the game. In the game, he hurt his big toe on his right foot, but still started the next week against Oklahoma State. Evans was limited to 41 yards on 15 carries with a 1-yard TD run, but got hurt again in the game. He bruised his tailbone in the 24-17 win over the Cowboys. Despite the injury he started at Texas A&M, but was ineffective with 10 carries for 31 yards. He finished the season playing in just three games. He rushed 38 times for 218 yards and four TDs (5.7 ypc, team-leading 72.7 ypg). He also caught three passes for 23 yards (1-9 vs. Washington, 1-5 vs. OSU, 109 vs. A&M). Evans is just six yards shy of becoming the 48th back in school history to amass more than 1,000 yards in a career.

In 1997, Evans was awarded a medical hardship as he sat out the entire season with a pelvic injury suffered midway through the 1996 season. He had surgery in July and October of 1997 to repair muscle damage.

As a true freshman in 1996, Evans was the Huskers' second-leading rusher, backing up Ahman Green and posted the third-best freshman rushing season for a Husker with 776 yards on 148 carries (5.2 ypc). He led the team in rushing TDs with a freshman school-record 14, had 12 catches for 75 yards and five kickoff returns for 118 yards (23.6 ypr). Evans had a career-high 168 yards on 21 attempts against No. 16 Kansas State. He followed that with 12-105-2 vs. Baylor, 25-123-1 vs. Colorado, and 32-130-3 vs. Texas in the Big 12 Championship game in his first start. In that game he also had a career-best receiving day with 6-42. At Collegiate HS, Evans was an all-American with 8,473 yards rushing in 47 games. For more on Evans, see pages 112-113 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

DeAngelo Evans' Career Statistics

Rushing (Medical Redshirt in 1997)

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1996	11/1	148	791	15	776	5.2	70.5	69 vs. KSU	14
1998	3/3	38	227	9	219	5.8	73.0	60 vs. Wash	4
Totals	**14/4**	**186**	**1018**	**24**	**994**	**5.3**	**71.0**	**69 vs. Wash**	**18**

Receiving: 12-75-0 in 1996 (long of 22 vs. Texas) 3-23-0 in 1997; 15-98-0 total; **Kickoff Returns:** 5-118-0 in 1996 (long of 37 vs. Colorado State); **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** DNP--injured

Husker Starters and Statistical Leaders

#35 Kris Brown

Place-Kicker
5-10, 205, Sr.
Letters: Four
Southlake, Texas (Carroll)

- **1998 NationsBank Comm. Champ.**
- **Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**
- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Acad. All-Amer. Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **1997 Lou Groza Award Semifinalist**
- **1997 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
- **Two-Time Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, 1996, 1998)**
- **1996 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP)**

Brown's School Records

- **Career Points/Pts. by Kickers...**388 (Big Eight Record; 7th in NCAA)
- **Career Field Goals Made/Attempted...**57 of 77 attempts
- **Career PATs Made/Attempted**...217 of 222 attempts
- **Season Field Goals Made/Attempted...**18 in 1997 (21 att. 1997, 1998)
- **Season Points Scored by Kickers...**116 in 1997
- **Season PATs/Consecutive PATs Made/Attempted...**62-62 in 1997
- **Perfect PAT Season...**1997 (62-62, ties record with four others)
- **Most Points Scored by a Freshman in a Season...**97 in 1995
- **Best Team Field Goal Percentage in a Season...** .857 in 1997
- **Consecutive Field Goals Made**...17 (Sept. 20, 1997-Sept. 12, 1998)
- **Consecutive Extra Points Made**...125 (Nov. 16, 1996-Nov. 14, 1998)

Brown's NCAA Records

- **Most PAT Attempts--ties record...**222, by Derek Mahoney, Fresno State, 1990-93 (216 made) and Kris Brown, 1995-98 (217 made)
- **Most PATs Made...**217, Kris Brown, 1995-98 (221 attempts), (old record--216, Derek Mahoney, Fresno State, 1990-93, 222 attempts)

Senior place-kicker Kris Brown finished his career as NU's leading scorer, the old Big Eight record holder in scoring and seventh in career NCAA scoring history. Brown made 217 point-after touchdown attempts in his career, breaking the NCAA record held by Fresno State's Derek Mahoney (216 from 1990-1993) and had 222 PAT attempts to tied the record also held by Mahoney (222 from 1990-93). He has scored 388 points in his career at Nebraska. Brown holds nearly every place-kicking record at Nebraska and with three points in the bowl game, he will break the NU bowl record for points in a career. Brown has 28 points in the last three bowl games and needs two to tie the record of 30 scored by QB Scott Frost (two games, 1996-98) and WB Johnny Rodgers (three games, 1971-73). Brown is 4-4 on field goals in bowl games hitting from 26 and 24 yards in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, and on 25 and 37 yards vs. Virginia Tech in the 1996 Orange Bowl, and is 16-17 on PATs, missing one as a freshman in the national championship vs. Florida.

Brown has demolished every Husker career kicking record. Brown has converted a school-best 217 point-after touchdowns on a record 222 attempts (.977 percent). Brown has made a school-record 57 field goals on 73 attempts (.781), and improved his career record field-goal percentage from 76.8 to 78.1. Brown hit two field goals of 50 or more in his career and is 13-20 on field goals of 40 yards or more. He owns the school record for consecutive PATs made with 125 (ended vs. Kansas State, 1998) and a school career record for consecutive field goals with 17 (ended vs. California, 1998). Eight times he has hit at least three field goals in a game and twice he has successfully kicked four (vs. Kansas State in 1996, Texas A&M in 1997 Championship game). His career-long field goal was a 51-yarder vs. Texas in the 1996 Big 12 Championship game. He has led the team in scoring three of his four years as a Husker with a school freshman-record 97 in 1995; 86 in 1996, 116 in 1997 (school record by a kicker, but finished second to I-back Ahman Green's 132) and 89 this season. Brown holds numerous season records as well, including 18 field goals made in 1997; 21 field goal attempts in 1997 and 1998; 116 points by a kicker in 1997; 62 PATs made, 62 PAT attempts, and most PATS without a miss in 1997 (62).

In 1998, Brown broke the school career scoring mark held by Mike Rozier (312) in game two against UAB, when he hit a 28-yard field goal. Brown hit on 14 of 21 field goals and twice hit three in a game (Colorado and Texas) and hit a long of 48 yards vs. Oklahoma State, and was 4-6 on field goals of 40 yards or more. He converted 47 of 48 extra-point attempts (missing one vs. Kansas State). Brown had 30 touchbacks and only 21 of his 67 kickoffs were brought past the 25-yard line (three because of penalty).

In 1997, after missing three of his first five field goals, Brown didn't miss on a school-record 16 straight kicks, dating back to a 41-yard miss on his first of three attempts at No. 2 Washington. On the year, Brown hit 18 of 21 field goal attempts (85.7 percent, school record team field goal percentage), including his last 16 and five of 40 yards or more, assisting the Huskers to their third national title in the 90s. Brown, who was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, kicked 54 (61 percent) of his 88 kickoffs into or out of the end zone, and 46 (52 percent) were not returned. He hit on all 62 of his PATs, becoming just the fifth Husker kicker to be perfect in a season. Twice he hit three or more field goals in a game, vs. Texas Tech and Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship game. He scored a career best 116 points (9.0 per game).

In 1996, Brown led the Huskers in scoring for the second consecutive year with 86 points. He was 12-19 on field goals, 50-51 on PATs. Brown's field goals made included three of more than 40 yards with a career-best 51-yarder against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game. He had a consecutive PAT streak of 48 kicks made, but it ended with his first miss of the season on his third attempt at Iowa State. His best game was against Kansas State, when he connected on four field goals in the first half, including a 50-yard then-career-best boot with no time remaining to put the Huskers up 18-3 at halftime. He ended up 4-5 on the day.

In 1995, Brown was one of three true freshmen to play for the Huskers, and took over the place-kicking duties from No. 1 baseball draft pick Darin Erstad. On the season, Brown made 13-16 field goals and 58 of 61 PATs, for 97 points on the season (NU freshman scoring record). He also successfully completed one pass for a two-point conversion. Brown hit on three field goals in a game three times (vs. Michigan State, Colorado and Oklahoma). Brown's longest field goal was a 47-yarder at MSU in game two. Twice on the year he was 7-7 on PATs and hit on 31 consecutive, after missing his very first in the season opener. Brown was a quarterback at Carroll High School in Texas. For more information on Brown, see page 102-103 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Kris Brown's Career Statistics

Scoring						Field Goal Range					
Year	G	PAT	FG	TP	PPG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg
1995	11	58-61	13-16	97	8.8	0-0	6-7	6-7	1-2	0-0	47
1996	12	50-51	12-19	86	7.2	0-0	6-6	3-7	1-4	2-2	51
1997	12	62-62	18-21	116	9.0	0-0	6-7	7-8	5-6	0-0	46
1998	12	47-48	14-21	89	7.4	1-1	5-6	4-8	4-6	0-0	48
Total		**47217-222**	**57-73**	**388**	**8.2**	**1-1**	**23-26**	**20-30**	**11-18**	**2-2**	**51**

Tackles: 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT, 1995; 1 UT, 1 AT, 2 TT, 1996; 1UT, 1AT, 2TT, 1997 (six total); **1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida:** PATs 5-6, 1 blocked; Field Goals 2-2 (26 and 24 yards, both in second quarter); **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** PATs 5-5; Field Goals 2-2 (25 and 37 yards); **1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee:** PATs 6-6; Field Goals 0-0

Field Goal Sequence Game-by-Game

1998: LaTech (0); UAB **(28)**; at Cal (40, **41**); Wash (30); OSU **(48)**; A&M (0); Kansas **(27,28)**; Missouri **(38,** 38, **30,** 39); Texas (37, **27, 47, 42**); Iowa State (38); KSU **(18)**; Colorado (45, **30, 30, 25)**

Bold and underlined *indicates field goal made.*

#14 Lance Brown

Wingback

5-11, 190, Sr.
Letters: Four
Papillion, Neb.
(Papillion-LaVista)

- **Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1996, 1997, 1998)**
- **1997 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII**
- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Acad. All-Amer. Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **December, 1997 Graduate in Business Management**

One of nine projected starters who missed 45 regular-season games with injuries, Lance Brown broke his right foot (second metatarsal) in practice after the first game. He sat out the next six games before returning for the Missouri game on Oct. 24. With a 3.76 cumulative grade point average, Brown was named to the Academic All-Big 12 first team for the third consecutive year and was again a nominee for the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America team. He is one of nine athletes who will play in the bowl game with degree in hand.

In 1998, Brown caught an 11-yard pass in the season opener and had one rush for 13 yards, before breaking his foot in practice the next week. He played in NU's last six games, however, and is 100 percent for the bowl game. He caught three passes for 24 yards on the season.

In 1997, Brown was NU's third-leading receiver and also contributed on special teams returning punts and kickoffs. Off the field, Brown earned his degree in business management on Dec. 20, 1997, just eight semesters after arriving on campus in January of 1994. Brown played in every game in 1997 and started seven. He had 12 catches for 226 yards and no TDs, averaging 18.8 yards per catch. He had a long of 35 yards twice, vs. Baylor and Washington. His best day was two catches for 59 yards vs. Baylor. He had two catches four times (vs. Washington, Baylor, Texas Tech and Kansas). He also had two rushes for 12 yards, including a 9-yard touchdown vs. Oklahoma. In the Big 12 Championship game, Brown recorded his first pass breakup, when he broke up a long bomb on a fake A&M punt near the end zone. Brown also had a 27-yard reception and a 21-yard kickoff return on an onside kick in the championship game.

In 1996, Brown played in every game except the season opener. He caught five passes in 11 games for 101 yards and scored one touchdown--a career-best 41-yard grab from Scott Frost at Oklahoma. He also returned three punts for 17 yards in three separate games, including a long of eight yards against Missouri. A scholarship athlete, Brown redshirted in 1994, then played in all 12 games as Nebraska's No. 3 split end and saw time at wingback in 1995. He caught two passes for 44 yards and one TD. Brown was an all-state wide receiver at Papillion-LaVista High School. For more information on Brown, see page 109 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

Lance Brown's Career Statistics

Receiving (redshirted in 1994)

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1995	11/0	2	44	22.0	4.0	39 vs. ASU	1
1996	11/0	5	101	20.2	9.2	41 vs. OU	1
1997	12/5	12	226	18.8	18.8	35, twice	0
1998	6/6	3	24	8.0	4.0	11 vs.LaTech	0
Totals	**40/11**	**22**	**395**	**17.9**	**9.8**	**41 vs. OU**	**2**

Punt Returns: 3-17 in 1996, 3-27 in 1997; 6-44 total; **Kickoff Returns:** 1-21 in 1997; **Rushing:** 2-12 in 1997 (9-yard TD vs. OU); 1-13 in 1998; **Pass Breakups:** 1 in 1997; **Tackles:** 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT in 1997; **1996 Fiesta Bowl:** Receiving none. **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** Receiving 1-23; **1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee:** Receiving none; one fumble recovery.

#21 Mike Brown

Rover/Free Safety

5-11, 205, Jr.
Letters: Three
Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)

- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**
- **1998 First-Team All-Big 12 (Austin AS; Houston Chronicle)**
- **1998 School Position (DB) Record With 102 Tackles**
- **Two-Time Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, 1997, 1998)**
- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP)**

Junior rover Mike Brown has had an outstanding defensive year for the Huskers. Brown, started the first seven games at free safety before returning to his natural rover position before the Missouri contest. Brown led the team with 102 total tackles, becoming just the 13th player in the history of Husker football to total 100 or more tackles in a season, the first time for a member of the Husker secondary, breaking the previous school-record mark of 87 set by Steve Carmer in 1991. He has started 25 straight games for the Huskers, counting the 1998 Orange Bowl, and ranks 24th on the Nebraska career tackle chart with 191 tackles with one season to play. Brown is a hard-hitter and had an All-America type season, but only earned second-team honors from the coaches and Associated Press. With a 3.225 cumulative GPA in business administration, Brown earned first-team All-Big 12 academic honors for the second consecutive year and was again nominated for GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

In 1998, Brown had eight tackles in each of the first two games and recorded his only interception (1-yard return) of the season in the fourth quarter against California. In that game, he had six tackles, including one for a loss. He had four stops vs. Washington, then had a 12-tackle day against Oklahoma State. Against the Cowboys, he also had a tackle for loss and one of four pass breakups on the season. He had six stops vs. Texas A&M, two vs. Kansas and nine vs. Missouri. He returned a fumble 26 yards against Kansas. He had one of the most outstanding defensive games in almost two decades for the Huskers against Texas. Brown recorded 19 tackles (including a career-best eight unassisted stops), becoming the first Husker since Brent Evans in 1981 to record 19 tackles in a game. In the game, Brown had two tackles for loss, including a key tackle for a 1-yard loss of Ricky Williams, and one breakup. His 19 tackles were three off the school record (22 by Rich Glover vs. OU in 1971). Brown had five tackles at Iowa State, 12 tackles in the Huskers' loss to top-ranked Kansas State and added one tackle for loss and a pass breakup. With 11 tackles against Colorado, Brown became the first Husker to record more than 100 tackles in a season since Rob Stuckey had 125 in 1983. He led the team in tackles (102), unassisted tackles (37) and had 5-5 TFL, one interception, four breakups and one fumble return.

In 1997, after moving from left corner to rover before spring ball, Brown totaled 77 tackles (36 solo) starting every game. He had four tackles for loss (1-2 vs. Central Florida, Oklahoma and A&M and shared a tackle for loss vs. Kansas State). He had two pass interceptions, 1-0 vs. Iowa State and 1-21 in the Big 12 Championship game vs. Texas A&M. Brown also had four breakups. Brown led the team in tackles five times, including a season-best 12 vs. Oklahoma.

In 1996, Brown was one of five true freshmen who made key contributions. Brown played in 11 games recording 12 tackles. He had one breakup and one interception against Kansas (44 yard return). From Saguaro HS in Scottsdale, Ariz., Brown was the first athlete in 10 years to have earned player of the year honors on both sides of the ball (DB/RB). For more on Mike Brown, see page 110 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Guide (see Mike Brown's stats on next page).

#22 Ralph Brown

Right Cornerback

5-9, 180, Jr.
Letters: Three
Hacienda Heights, Calif.
(Bishop Amat)

- **Two-Time Jim Thorpe Award Candidate (1997, 1998)**
- **1998 Third-Team All-American (Football News)**
- **Two-Time First-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches, FBN, 1997, 1998)**
- **1996 First-Team Freshman All-American (Sporting News)**
- **1996 Big 12 Defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year (AP)**
- **Fox Sports Net NU Player of the Game vs. La. Tech, 8/29/98**

Ralph Brown's School Records

- **Game--Seven Pass Breakups (vs. CU, '96)**
- **Season--14 Pass Breakups (1998)**
- **Career--35 Pass Breakups (1996-98)**

Junior cornerback Ralph Brown became the first Husker position player to start his first game as a true freshman, and has started every game at right cornerback since--38 straight. Brown, who holds the school records for pass breakups in a game (7), season (14) and career (35), has eight career interceptions as well. In his career, Brown has broken up a pass in 21 of his 36 regular-season starts, including the last two. His eight interceptions ties him for 10th on the Nebraska career chart. Ralph Brown, center Josh Hewkew and place-kicker Kris Brown are the only current Husker players who have started the last two bowl games.

In 1998, Brown started every game and recorded 46 tackles (27 solo). He broke the school record for pass breakups in a season with 14 (previous record was Barron Miles, 13 in 1994). Secondary partner Erwin Swiney also had 13 passes broken up this season. Brown had a career-best seven tackles twice, in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech and in the season finale vs. Colorado with six solo stops each time. He recorded his seventh career interception with a 43-yard return against Texas A&M and his eighth career pickoff with a 17-yard interception return against Texas. At Kansas State, Brown had four tackles, one for a loss, two pass breakups and returned a third-quarter fumble 74 yards for a touchdown. He had a season-best three pass breakups against Louisiana Tech and two each against California, Texas and K-State. Brown also had three punt returns for seven yards.

In 1997, Brown started every game and had 29 tackles (18 solo). He had two interceptions on the season, 1-23 vs. Akron in the first game, and 1-5 vs. Texas A&M in the Huskers' last game. He led the team with nine pass breakups and combined with his 12 from 1996 (fourth on Husker season chart), Brown already had 21, enough to break Barron Miles' career record of 19 from 1992-94. His tackles for losses were against Kansas State (1-1) and Kansas (1-4), and his season-best tackle day was six against Colorado. Brown was a consensus first-team All-Big 12 athlete, after earning honorable-mention honors as a freshman. In the 1998 Fed Ex Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee, Brown had one tackle and caused a Jamal Lewis fumble. NU's Mike Rucker recovered and the Huskers went the length of the field and scored to go up 7-0 on the Vols.

In 1996, Brown became the first Husker position player (excluding kickers) to start the first game of his freshman year since WWII. He had a remarkable first season. In 12 games (and 12 starts), Brown had 28 tackles (15 solo), one fumble recovery, 12 breakups and four interceptions for 83 yards and one TD. Brown's 12 pass breakups were the second most in a season all time at NU, one off the school record and only the second time in NU history a Husker has had double-figure breakups (school record is 13 by Barron Miles in 1994). His first interception was against Colorado State in game No. 3, when he also had two breakups and three tackles. In the next game against nationally ranked Kansas State, he recorded his second interception and had a breakup and two tackles against All-American receiver Kevin Lockett. His third pickoff was an 83-yard return for a TD vs. Oklahoma, which broke the Sooners' back, giving NU a 24-0 third-quarter lead. His last was a pickoff for no return yards against Iowa State. Brown broke a school record with seven breakups against No. 5 Colorado and aided the team to a school-record 15 breakups in the game. Brown had a career-best eight tackles against Missouri and had one tackle for a 1-yard loss against No. 5 Colorado. The Huskers ranked in the top seven in every national category and the No. 1 unit gave up just nine TDs to opponents in 12 games in 1996.

Brown was a consensus All-American and was listed as the No. 2 defensive back to come out of the prep ranks in 1995. He played both ways at Bishop Amat High School in LaPuenta, Calif., rushing for 2,246 yards on 311 carries. For more information on Ralph Brown, please see page 104 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Ralph Brown's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)				Fum.					QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996	12/12	15	13	28	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	12	4	0	0
1997	12/12	18	11	29	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	9	2	0	0
1998	12/12	27	19	46	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	14	2	0	0
Total	**36/36**	**60**	**43**	**103**	**5-9**	**0-0**	**0-3**	**0**	**35**	**8**	**0**	**0**

Interceptions: 1-83-TD vs. Oklahoma, 1996; 1-0 vs. Colorado St., 1996; 1-0, Kansas St., 1996; 1-0 vs. Iowa St., 1996; 1-23 vs. Akron, 1997; 1-5 vs Texas A&M, 1997; 1-43 vs. Texas A&M, 1998; 1-17 vs. Texas, 1998; 8-171-1 total

Fumble Returns: 1-74 (TD) vs. Kansas St., 1998.

1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 1 UT, O AT, 1 TT; 1 Forced Fumble

Mike Brown's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)				Fum.					QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996	11/0	8	4	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
1997	12/12	36	41	77	4-6	0-0	0-0	0	4	2	0	0
1998	12/12	37	65	102	5-5	0-0	0-1	0	4	1	0	0
Total	**35/24**	**81**	**110**	**191**	**9-11**	**0-0**	**0-1**	**0**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**0**

Interceptions: 4-71; 1-44 vs. Kansas, 1996; 1-0 vs. Iowa State; 1-26 vs. Texas A&M, 1997; 1-1 vs. California, 1998. **Fumble Return:** 1-26 vs. Kansas, 1998.

1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles none

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 5 UT, 0 AT, 5 TT; 1 PBU

Nebraska Season Pass Breakups--Top Five

Player, Pos.	Year	PBU
1. **Ralph Brown, RCB**	**1998**	**14**
2. **Erwin Swiney, LCB**	**1998**	**13**
Barron Miles, RCB	1994	13
4. **Ralph Brown, RCB**	**1996**	**12**
5. **Ralph Brown, RCB**	**1997**	**9**
Michael Booker, RCB	1995	9
John Reece, CB/SS	1993	9
Tyrone Legette, RCB	1991	9

#6 Kenny Cheatham

Split End/Returns

6-4, 210, Sr.
Letters: Four
Phoenix, Ariz.
(So. Mountain)

◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**

Bothered by injuries throughout his four-year career, Cheatham could not escape unscathed this year either. He was forced to miss three games in midseason with a separated left shoulder. Despite the injury, Cheatham had a solid season, finishing fourth on the team with 13 catches for 155 yards and one TD (11.9 ypc, 17.2 ypg), playing in nine games and starting seven. For his efforts, Cheatham earned honorable-mention honors from the Big 12 coaches. In 1998, Cheatham was the game's leading receiver against Louisiana Tech with 3-19. He followed that with four catches for 37 yards against UAB (37 yards). Cheatham caught three passes (all for first downs) for 32 yards vs. Oklahoma State, before injuring his left shoulder (ACL sprain). Cheatham missed the next three games (A&M, Kansas and Missouri). He had one catch for 12 yards against Iowa State. Against KSU, Cheatham caught a career-long reception and a career-long TD reception when he dove and made a one-armed 45-yard catch from Eric Crouch to put NU up 14-7 with 11 minutes remaining in the second quarter. It was Cheatham's first TD reception this season, second of his career and only catch in the game. He had one catch for 10 yards vs. Colorado and at least one catch in the last three games. Although he was the third man deep on punts and was second-team on kickoff returns, he did not have any returns this season.

In 1997, Cheatham was bothered by a nagging pulled quad muscle and sat out the first and last games of the season (Akron and Texas A&M) and also game seven vs. Kansas. He played in nine games, starting four. Despite the limited action, Cheatham tied I-back Ahman Green for the team lead with 14 catches. Cheatham was third in receiving yards with 191 and averaged 13.6 per catch. On Nebraska's 10-play game-tying TD drive against Missouri, Cheatham caught three passes from Scott Frost for 42 yards and had a career-best 5-54 in the game as NU drove 67 yards in 1:02. He caught at least two passes in each of the last three games he played (5-54 vs. Missouri, 2-26 vs. Iowa State and 2-42 vs. Colorado), a streak which continued two games into the 1998 season. Cheatham had one kickoff return for 23 yards (vs. KSU).

Cheatham played in every game in 1996 and earned his first career start against Arizona State when Nebraska opened in split formation. Cheatham caught seven passes for 105 yards, including a 30-yard TD from Matt Turman in the season opener against Michigan State. He tied his season best with two catches for 19 yards against Baylor and had a 34-yard reception vs. Kansas. Cheatham had three punt returns for seven yards and two kickoff returns for 100 yards, including an 85-yard score vs. Oklahoma. A scholarship athlete, Cheatham redshirted in 1994, then played in the first five games in 1995, catching four passes for 31 yards before suffering a shoulder separation that ended his season. For more on Cheatham, see page 111 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Kenny Cheatham's Career Statistics

Receiving (1994 Redshirt)

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1995	5/0	4	31	6.2	7.8	10 (twice)	0
1996	12/1	7	105	15.0	8.8	34 vs. KU	1
1997	9/4	14	191	13.6	21.2	31 vs. CU	0
1998	9/7	13	155	14.8	17.2	45 vs. KSU	1
Totals	**35/12**	**38**	**482**	**12.6**	**13.7**	**45 vs. KSU**	**2**

Kickoff Returns: 2-56-0 in 1995; 2-100-1 (85 yard TD vs. OU) in 1996; 1-23 in 1997; 5-179-1 (35.8 ypr) total. **Punt Returns:** 8-102-0 in 1995; 3-7-0 in 1996; 11-109-0 (9.9 ypr) total. **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** Receiving 1-23, Kickoff Returns 2-43 (23 long). **1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee:** Receiving none

#3 Matt Davison

Split End

6-0, 180, So.
Letters: Two
Tecumseh, Neb.

◆ **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**
◆ **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**
◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
◆ **ABC/Chevrolet NU Player of the Game vs. Texas A&M, 10/10/98**
◆ **School Game Record for Reception Yards (167 vs. A&M, 10/10/98**

Sophomore split end Matt Davison burst on the scene this season as one of the Huskers' best receivers. Davison, who caught 10 passes for a school-record 167 yards in his first career start against Texas A&M, caught a pass in every game this year and has a streak of 15 straight games with a catch, counting the last three games of 1997 and 1-16 in the Orange Bowl. Davison had 32 receptions this season, the most by a Husker receiver since Irving Fryar had 40 in 1983. With 43 career receptions for 626 yards (one TD) in two seasons, Davison ranks 25th on the NU career reception chart, 31st in receiving yards and tied for 30th with a 14.5 average per catch. His lone touchdown of his career was "The Catch" on the final play of regulation against Missouri in 1997. With a 3.64 cumulative GPA in general studies, the sophomore earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors and was nominated for academic All-America honors. He also earned honorable-mention honors from the coaches for his athletic ability.

In 1998, Davison caught 2-21 against Louisiana Tech; 1-5 vs. UAB, then against California, he had a then-career-best six catches for 55 yards. He had 1-12 vs. Washington; 3-31 vs. Oklahoma State, then in his first career start against Texas A&M, Davison set a career best with 10 catches for a school-record 167 yards (bettering Chuck NU Malito's 166 vs. Hawaii on Dec. 4, 1976). In the fourth quarter alone, Davison had five receptions for 112 yards as the Huskers rallied from 21 points down to close to within 28-21 with 4:39 remaining. He had a season-long 49-yard reception on NU's first drive of the fourth quarter and also had a 39-yard reception on Nebraska's next drive. It was the first time NU had a 100-yard receiving game since Clester Johnson had 129 vs. Arizona State in 1995 and the first time a Husker receiver had more than 150 yards receiving since Malito's 166 in 1976. Davison's 10 receptions ranked tied for second best all time at NU, just four short of the school-record 14 by Dennis Richnafsky (vs. Kansas State, Oct. 7, 1967) and tied with Johnny Rodgers' 10 vs. Kansas State on Nov. 14, 1971. Of Davison's 10 catches, six went for first downs and three of those were on two of NU scoring drives. Davison's 10 catches were just one off his 1997 season total of 11-232.

One of six true freshmen playing in 1997, Davison made a definite impact, especially in the Missouri game, when he caught a deflected pass for a touchdown at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. Davison tied with Sheldon Jackson as NU's fourth-leading receiver with 11 catches, but his 232 yards led the team. He had four catches of 25 yards or more, including a 46-yard grab in game one vs. Akron, a 39-yard reception vs. Kansas State, and a career-long 51-yard reception vs. Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship game. Davison was a Nebraska all-class receiver for Tecumseh High School in 1996. For more on Davison, see page 129 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

Matt Davison's Career Statistics

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1997	12/0	11	232	21.1	19.3	51 vs. A&M	1
1998	12/3	32	394	12.3	32.8	49 vs. A&M	0
Totals	**24/3**	**43**	**626**	**14.5**	**26.1**	**51 vs. A&M**	**1**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receiving 1-16

#19 Clint Finley

Free Safety
5-11, 200, So.
Letters: Two
Cuero, Texas

◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**

Clint Finley had an unexpected detour at the beginning of the season when he suffered a left knee strain during fall practice. The injury forced him to miss the first three games. He rebounded to record 28 tackles (six solo), including three tackles for loss. He had three interceptions to tie for the team lead with Joe Walker and had 63 yards in return, starting the last five games at free safety. With a 3.07 GPA for the year in pre-education, Finley earned honorable-mention academic All-Big 12 honors.

In his first two games back from the knee injury in 1998, Finley had two tackles against both Washington and Oklahoma State. He still didn't start against A&M or Kansas, but saw more action, recording five and four tackles, respectively, with an 11-yard tackle for loss against the Jayhawks and a fumble caused. In his first season start vs. Missouri, Finley had four tackles. He had two vs. Texas, then made his mark against Iowa State, recording his first and second career interceptions against the Cyclones and was the Huskers' nominee for Big 12 Player of the Week. His first pick of Todd Bandhauer was a pass into the end zone, which was deflected by NU corner Erwin Swiney. Finley returned it 21 yards and NU scored 13 plays later. His second was on ISU's next play from scrimmage. The last time a Husker had two pickoffs in a game was Mike Minter vs. Michigan State on Sept. 7, 1996. Finley also had five tackles and a 1-yard tackle for loss against the Cyclones. He had one tackle and a fumble recovery at Kansas State, then had another great game in the season finale vs. Colorado. Late in the first quarter, Finley recorded his third career interception and his first TD, returning the pickoff a career-long 42 yards to give NU a 7-0 lead, the only touchdown scored by the Huskers in the 16-14 win.

Recovering from a dislocated left elbow that occurred in the Huskers' second scrimmage of the fall, Finley did not play in Nebraska's first three games of 1997. He played in the last nine as the No. 2 free safety behind Eric Warfield and started one game--against Oklahoma. Finley had 14 tackles in 1997, including four solo stops and one pass breakup. A scholarship athlete, Finley redshirted in 1996, making a position change from QB to FS. For more on Finley, see page 130 of the 1998 NU Guide.

Clint Finley's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)				Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996	Redshirted											
1997	9/1	4	10	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
1998	9/5	6	22	28	3-13	0-0	1-0	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	**18/6**	**10**	**32**	**42**	**3-13**	**0-0**	**1-0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**

Interceptions: 3-65*; 2-21 vs. Iowa State; 1-42 (TD) vs. Colorado
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

Jay Foreman's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)				Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1994	Redshirted											
1995	11/11	10	22	32	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
1996	12/0	10	33	43	1-2	0.5-2	1-0	0	1	2	2	0
1997	12/12	17	44	61	5-10	1.5-6	0-0	0	1	0	9	0
1998	12/12	32	65	97	7-27	3-22	1-0	0	4	0	6	0
Total	**47/35**	**69**	**164**	**233**	**15-44**	**5-30**	**2-0**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**19**	**0**

Interceptions: 2-27 (1-6 vs. Okla.; 1-21, TD vs. Colorado, 1996)
1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Tackles 1 UT, 2 AT, 3 TT
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 2 UT, 1 AT, 3 TT
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 3 UT, 2 AT, 5 TT

#44 Jay Foreman

Mike Linebacker
Team Co-Captain
6-1, 240, Sr.
Letters: Four
Eden Prairie, Minn.

◆ **1998 Butkus Award Semifinalist (1 of 10)**
◆ **1998 First-Team All-Big 12 (Austin American Statesman)**
◆ **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press)**
◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
◆ **1997 Butkus Award Watch List**
◆ **1997 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP)**
◆ **December, 1998 Graduate in Business Administration**

Senior Mike linebacker Jay Foreman, who was one of 10 semifinalists for the Dick Butkus Award, has played a Butkus-like role this season, anchoring the Husker defense. He finished second on the team with a career-best 97 tackles, five behind team-leader Mike Brown. Foreman finished his career 12th on the NU all-time tackle charts with his 233 total tackles. He is one of nine Huskers who will play in the bowl game with degree in hand, having graduated in December (business administration).

In 1998, Foreman had six tackles in each of the first two games and shared a sack against UAB with Jeremy Slechta. The senior linebacker had seven at California, including a tackle for loss, QB hurry and one pass breakup. Against No. 9 Washington, Foreman caused Willie Hurst to fumble (Erwin Swiney recovered), which led to a score seven plays later. He had a career-best 13 stops vs. OSU with a hurry and a breakup, nine vs. A&M, two vs. Kansas, with a fumble recovery and two quarterback hurries, then turned it up a notch for the remainder of the season. Foreman had 23 tackles in posting back-to-back double-figure efforts against Missouri (career-high-tying 13) and Texas (10). Against the Tigers, Foreman had a 4-yard sack of Corby Jones, and nearly single-handedly stopped MU on three consecutive plays at the 1-yard line. Against Texas, Foreman had 10 tackles, including an 11-yard sack of Major Applewhite on a 3rd-and-8 play. He also had a key 1-yard tackle for loss of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams on 3rd-and-1 to force a Longhorn punt. At Iowa State, Foreman had five tackles, the 10th time this season he had at least five tackles in a game. Foreman had 10 tackles in the loss at K- State and finished with 11 against Colorado, giving him 49 tackles in the last five games and five double-figure efforts on the season. Against CU, he had one of his four season breakups, when on the Buffaloes last drive of the game, Foreman crushed Darin Chiaverini, causing him to drop the pass.

Foreman started every game at Mike Linebacker in 1997 and finished second on the team with 61 tackles (17 solo). He was in on two sacks (vs. Central Florida and Washington) and had five tackles for 10 yards lost, with a best of two vs. nationally ranked Kansas State. Foreman also had one pass breakup and forced a fumble against Central Florida. He was sixth on the team with nine quarterback hurries, causing incomplete passes. Foreman had a season-best 12 tackles (three solo) at Colorado and nine at No. 2 Washington.

In 1996, Foreman played in every game at Mike linebacker alternating with senior Jon Hesse. Foreman finished seventh on the team in tackles with 43 stops, 22 of those solo, which ranked fourth on the team. He also had two key interceptions on the year, one for a 6-yard return against Oklahoma, which the Huskers converted into a touchdown, and one for a 21-yard return when he picked off Colorado's Koy Detmer for Nebraska's first score to give NU a 7-6 lead.

He started every game as a redshirt freshman in 1995, recording 32 tackles, including two for five yards lost and two quarterback hurries. From Eden Prairie High School in Minnesota, Jay is the son of Chuck Foreman, the former Minnesota Vikings great. Playing both sides of the ball, he was a SuperPrep and Blue Chip All-American. For more information on Jay Foreman, please see page 114 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide (see career stats at left).

#88 Sheldon Jackson

Tight End
Team Co-Captain
6-4, 245, Sr.
Letters: Four
Diamond Bar, Calif.
(Damien)

- **1998 First-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Kansas City Star)**
- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, Austin AS)**

Senior tight end Sheldon Jackson put the finishing touches on a stellar four-year career this season, earning first-team All-Big 12 honors by the Associated Press and the Kansas City Star. With 40 career receptions for 632 yards (10 TDs) in four seasons, Jackson ranks 31st on the NU career reception chart (eighth among tight ends), 29th in receiving yards (sixth) and 22nd (4th) with a 15.8 per catch average.

In 1998, Jackson was third on the team with 19 catches for 343 yards (18.1 ypc) and four touchdowns. Against Louisiana Tech, Jackson caught two passes for a career-high 94 yards, including a 46-yard career-long reception for a touchdown for the game's first score. He also had a career-long 48-yard catch to the La Tech 1-yard line. Jackson had three catches for 33 yards vs. UAB, including a 15-yard TD catch in the second quarter on a 4th-and-1 play, marking the second consecutive week he scored. He had one catch for 31 yards in the win over California. He had one catch for 18 yards against Washington. He had two catches for 70 yards (40-yard and 30-yard receptions), against Oklahoma State. Both receptions set up two Nebraska touchdowns. His 40-yard reception marked Jackson's the third one of the season for 40 or more yards. Although he did not have any catches, Jackson had two short-kick, kickoff returns for a career-high 19 yards against Texas A&M. Jackson caught a career-best two TDs against top-ranked Kansas State, an 8-yard pass from Crouch for NU's first TD of the game and a 9-yard pass to give the Huskers a 30-27 lead with 8:17 left in the fourth. It was Jackson's third and fourth TD catches this season to lead the team (Jackson has 10 TD receptions in his career) and the first time a Husker tight end had two TD catches in a game since Vershan Jackson (no relation) had two in a win against ISU in 1996. Sheldon led the team against K-State with four catches for 48 yards (four receptions ties career best) and had 12 knock-down blocks. Jackson has had 10 receptions in the last five games, (two vs. Missouri, three vs. Texas, four against Kansas State and one vs. Colorado).

In 1997, Jackson was one of three tight ends alternating into the game. He finished as the Huskers' fifth-leading receiver with 11 catches for 189 yards (17.2 per catch) and two TDs. He hauled in a season-best 37-yard catch in the Baylor game and twice had a season-best three receptions.

In 1996, Jackson played in all 12 games, and started two. He caught four passes for 48 yards and scored two TDs. His first was a 1-yard grab against Colorado State, and his second was an 8-yard catch against Kansas.

In 1995, Jackson caught six passes in 10 games for 52 yards including two TDs. A scholarship athlete, Jackson redshirted in 1994. Sheldon was a tight end for Damien High School in Diamond Bar, Calif. For more information on Jackson, see page 115 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

Sheldon Jackson's Career Statistics

Receiving (Redshirted in 1994)

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1995	10/0	6	52	8.7	5.2	15 vs. Pacific	2
1996	12/2	4	48	12.0	4.0	31 vs. Baylor	2
1997	12/1	11	189	17.2	15.8	37 vs. Baylor	2
1998	12/12	19	343	18.1	28.6	48 vs. LaTech	4
Totals	**46/15**	**40**	**632**	**15.8**	**13.6**	**48 vs. LaTech**	**10**

1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Receiving none
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Receiving 1-11
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receiving 4-56

#27 Eric Johnson

Will Linebacker
6-1, 205, Jr.
Letters: Three
Phoenix, Ariz. (Alhambra)

Eric Johnson started every game in 1998 as Nebraska's No. 1 Will linebacker. He is probable for the bowl game, even though he dislocated his shoulder in the season finale vs. Colorado. Johnson was the team's fourth-leading tackler in 1998 with 70 tackles and was second only to Chad Kelsay in tackles for loss with 11-52. Johnson had six sacks for 41 yards lost, had one breakup, six quarterback hurries and forced a fumble. He is extremely quick (4.43 electronic 40-yard dash) and packs a big punch.

Johnson led the team in tackles three times this season, including the season opener when he tied his career-best with nine stops. In game three vs. California, Johnson had six tackles, including two sacks for 10 yards lost. He had one sack and two QB hurries vs. Washington, six tackles vs. OSU, five at Texas A&M and a team-leading seven vs. Kansas. The next week against Missouri, Johnson had a breakup in the end zone on Missouri's last 10-play drive and sacked Corby Jones for a 10-yard loss to end the game. Against Texas, Johnson had six tackles, a forced fumble and had two tackles for loss, including a 6-yard sack. He had five tackles against Iowa State, then tied his career-best with nine stops at No. 2/1 Kansas State. Against Colorado, Johnson wrote the definition of tough-guy. Although he had dislocated his shoulder early in the game, Johnson came back in the game and recorded a 10-yard sack of Mike Moschetti.

Johnson played in every game as Octavious McFarlin's backup at Will linebacker in 1997. He made his first start vs. Kansas State game when McFarlin had a sprained ankle. Johnson finished as the team's seventh-leading tackler, with 49 tackles, including 17 solos, and had three sacks (for 19 yards lost) and seven tackles for 29 yards lost. He also had four quarterback hurries. He had a career-best (and team best) nine tackles (three solo) vs. Iowa State. In that game, he had two tackles for 13 yards lost, including one 8-yard sack. His other sacks were against Washington and Missouri.

In 1996, Johnson was one of six first-year, non-redshirt players who were key contributors. Johnson played in nine games after making the switch from cornerback to Will linebacker in the first week of practice and stayed there as the two Brown (Ralph and Mike) freshmen filled the void at corner. He recorded 12 tackles (two solo) and had one pass breakup against Baylor. He had a season-best four tackles (all assists) against Missouri. Johnson sat out the 1995 season after an outstanding season at Alhambra High School. He played corner and was a two-year starting tailback. He played both strong safety and linebacker as a senior. For more on Johnson, see page 116 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Eric Johnson's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles-------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996	9/0	2	10	12	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0
1997	12/1	17	32	49	7-29	3-19	0-0	0	0	0	4	0
1998	12/12	33	37	70	11-52	6-41	0-0	0	1	0	6	0
Totals	**33/13**	**52**	**79**	**131**	**18-81**	**9-60**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**12**	**0**

1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

#91 Loran Kaiser

Defensive Tackle

6-5, 280, So.
Letters: Two
Farwell, Neb.
(St. Paul)

Loran Kaiser played a key role in 1998. Just a sophomore, he started nine of 11 games and was third on the team in tackles for loss with 10-27 and in sacks with 5.5 for 21 yards lost. Kaiser began the season as Jason Wiltz's backup at defensive tackle, but when Wiltz sprained an ankle and missed two games, Kaiser took over. Wiltz returned and started the next two games at defensive tackle, then moved to nose tackle for the remainder of the season, leaving the DT position secure in Kaiser's hands.

Kaiser had just one tackle against Louisiana Tech, but it was a 3-yard sack. In his first career start against UAB (starting in place of Jason Wiltz--sprained ankle), Kaiser recorded his second sack of the season and his career (four yards lost) and had seven tackles. In the next game at California, Kaiser again started for Wiltz and split a sack with Chad Kelsay for five yards lost and had a second sack for two yards lost. Against No. 9 Washington, Kaiser sacked Brock Huard for a 5-yard loss, marking the fourth consecutive game that Kaiser recorded at least one sack. Kaiser had a career-best eight tackles against Texas A&M, with a career-best four solo stops. Against Kansas, Kaiser had two tackles and caused Moran Norris to fumble and NU's Jay Foreman recovered at the KSU 24. NU scored two plays later to go ahead 24-0. He had four stops and a fumble recovery vs. Missouri. He had a sack and two tackles for loss the next week against Texas. Kaiser had four tackles vs. K-State, including two for losses. He also recovered a Michael Bishop fumble caused by Carlos Polk on the KSU 44, as NU scored three plays later.

In 1997, Kaiser played in six games as a reserve DT and had five tackles. He redshirted in 1996 after earning honorable-mention all-state honors for St. Paul High as a fullback and middle linebacker. For more on Kaiser, see page 134 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Loran Kaiser's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996 -- Redshirt												
1997	6/0	0	5	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	12/9	16	24	40	10-27	5.5-21	0-2	0	1	0	4	0
Total	**18/9**	**16**	**29**	**45**	**10-27**	**5.5-21**	**0-2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

Chad Kelsay's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1995	11/0	13	7	20	3-13	2-12	0-0	0	3	0	5	0
1996	11/0	10	13	23	3-15	2.5-15	1-1	0	0	0	6	2
1997	12/10	13	21	34	7-40	3-29	2-1	0	0	0	14	0
1998	12/12	33	39	72	14-52	5-39	2-1	0	4	1	13	0
Total	**46/22**	**69**	**80**	**149**	**27-120**	**12.5-95**	**5-3**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**37**	**2**

Interceptions: 1-0 vs. Washington, 1998
Fumble Return: 1-5 yards vs. Iowa State, 1997
1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Tackles none; QB Hurries 1-0
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT; TFL 1-1; QB Hurries 1
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT

#57 Chad Kelsay

Left Rush End
Team Co-Captain

6-3, 250, Sr.
Letters: Four
Auburn, Neb.

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American**
- **1997 Second-Team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American**
- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII (1997, 1998)**
- **Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1996, 1997, 1998)**
- **1998 First-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star)**
- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, AP, Austin AS)**
- **Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week vs. Washington, 9/26/98**

One of the standouts of the Husker defense has been left rush end Chad Kelsay. The senior from Auburn, Neb., was third on the team with 72 tackles, including 33 solo stops (second on the team). Kelsay led the team with 14 tackles for 52 yards lost, and in quarterback hurries with 13. He was second on the team with three forced fumbles, had one fumble recovery, four pass breakups, one interception and five sacks for 39 yards lost. The Nebraska nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week five times, Kelsay earned first-team All-Big 12 honors by the Kansas City Star and second team from the AP and Big 12 coaches. Kelsay finished his career among the Husker top 10 in tackles for loss with 24 for 105 yards lost. Boasting a 3.626 cumulative GPA in finance, Kelsay was one of three Huskers who earned first-team academic All-America honors. He is also a three-time academic all-conference honor winner.

Kelsay recorded double-digit tackles in two consecutive weeks with 10 against Oklahoma State and a career-high 11 against Texas A&M. He was the first Husker in 23 games to record consecutive double-figure tackles (Jon Hesse, 1996). Against Washington, he recorded four tackles, a tackle for loss, a pass breakup, an interception, a forced fumble and a quarterback sack, along with three quarterback hurries to hold Washington to 16 first-half rushing yards and earn the Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week award. Kelsay had sacks in five separate games (Louisiana Tech, Cal, Washington, ISU and Colorado). He caused Michael Bishop's second of four fumbles in the first half of the Kansas State game. It was recovered by NU and converted into three points to give NU a 17-7 lead in the second quarter. Against Colorado, Kelsay combined with Jeremy Slechta for one sack and also sacked Mike Moschetti a second time for an 8-yard loss with 1:53 remaining in the game to put the Buffaloes in a 3rd-and-15 situation. He had a career-best three tackles for 15 yards lost vs. CU.

Kelsay finished as Nebraska's 10th-leading tackler in 1997, playing in every game and starting all but the first and the last. He and Mike Rucker combined at left rush, opposite All-American and Lombardi Award winner Grant Wistrom. Kelsay had 34 tackles, three sacks for 29 yards lost, seven tackles for 40 yards lost, one fumble recovery and a 5-yard fumble return (vs. Iowa State) and two forced fumbles (vs. Baylor and Iowa State). He also had 14 quarterback hurries to rank fourth on the team. Kelsay had a 7-yard sack against Washington, a 13-yarder vs. Iowa State and a nine-yarder in the Big 12 Championship game vs. Texas A&M. He had a season-best four tackles five times.

In 1996, Kelsay played in every game at left rush end except Iowa State, which he sat out with a knee strain. Kelsay recorded 23 tackles, three tackles for 15 yards lost, 2.5 sacks for 15 yards lost (0.5-3 vs. Baylor, 1-7 vs. ASU, 1-5 vs. MSU) one fumble recovery (vs. OU) and one forced.

Kelsay was one of three scholarship freshmen from the 1995 class who saw immediate action. He played in all 12 games and recorded 20 tackles (13 solo), including three for 13 yards in losses. He broke up three passes, had two sacks and five quarterback hurries. Kelsay was a two-way prep standout at Auburn (Neb.) High School. For more on Chad Kelsay, please see page 117 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide (see career stats at left).

#23 Bill Lafleur

Punter
5-11, 200, Sr.
Letters: Four
Norfolk, Neb.
(Norfolk Catholic)

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American**
- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**
- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Austin American Statesman)**
- **1998 Third-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
- **School Record for Best Punt Average in a Season (44.7 in 1998)**

In his first year as Nebraska's punter, Lafleur had a record-breaking season. He broke the school season punting record with a 44.9 average, bettering three-year starter NU punter Jesse Kosch's 44.7 average set in 1996. With 52 punts for 2,337 yards, Lafleur was 86 yards short of Dan Schneiss' school record for yards (2,423) set in 1969. Although his career average is better than school record-holder Jesse Kosch (41.92, 1994-97), Lafleur does not meet the minimum of 60 punts as he only punted four times (for 165 yards) before this season giving him 56 punts for 2,502 yards (44.7 average) in his career. Lafleur assisted the Huskers to a No. 7 national ranking in net punting, averaging 39.4 yards per punt. He won the conference punting title and finished fifth nationally, but was snubbed on the All-Big 12 teams, earning third-team honors by the coaches. He earned one of the greatest honors of all, however, with GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America first-team award. Lafleur posts a 3.515 cumulative grade-point average in pre-education and also earned first-team academic all-conference honors. Lafleur was one of six former walk-ons to start for the Huskers in 1998.

Lafleur began the season with a 39.5 average on two punts vs. Louisiana Tech, then averaged more than 40 yards per punt in nine of the next 11 games. He averaged better than 45 yards vs. UAB (47.7), A&M (46.7), Missouri (49.3), Texas (47.8), Kansas State (46.2) and ended the season with a season-best 51.0 average vs. Colorado. In the loss to A&M, Lafleur punted six times for 280 yards. In his six first-half punts, Lafleur had three of 50 yards or more, including a 52-yarder and a pair of 50-yarders. Lafleur placed one inside the A&M 20-yard line. Against Texas, Lafleur's first four punts pinned Texas inside its own 20-yard line (at the 11, 8, 10, and 8 yard lines). Lafleur had two blocked punts at Iowa State (his only blocks on the season). The first one turned out to be a bonus for the Huskers. In the first quarter, in snowy conditions, Lafleur bobbled the snap, but got a 14-yard kick off despite the block. ISU's Jarrott Lollis fumbled the punt, Josh Kohl recovered and NU went on to score five plays later. He had a career-long 64-yard punt vs. Missouri and a 63-yarder vs. KSU. Against the Buffaloes, Lafluer had two 50-yard-plus kicks, pinned them inside their 20 four times, and was NU's nominee for Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Lafleur punted once in 1997 (40-yard kick vs. KSU), twice in 1996 (for 95 yards vs. Michigan State) and once in 1995 (30 yards vs. MU) after redshirting in 1994. Lafleur was QB, safety and kicked for Norfolk Catholic. For more on Lafleur, see page 136 of the NU Football guide.

Bill Lafleur's Career Statistics

Punting:

Year	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	Long	Bk	Inside Opp. 20
1994 -- Redshirted								
1995	1	1	30	30.0	30.0	30	0	0
1996	1	2	95	47.5	29.5	53	0	0
1997	2	1	40	40.0	42.0	40	0	0
1998	12	52	2337	44.9	39.4	64	2	17
Totals	**15**	**56**	**2502**	**44.7**	**35.3**	**64**	**2**	**17**

#37 Tony Ortiz

Sam Linebacker
6-0, 215, Jr.
Letters: Three
New York, N.Y.
(Crosby, Waterbury, Conn.)

Tony Ortiz alternated with fellow junior Brian Shaw at Sam linebacker. Shaw started the first four games, then gave way to Ortiz the last eight. Ortiz finished as the Huskers' eighth-leading tackler with 46 stops, including nine tackles for 21 yards lost and one sack, two breakups, four quarterback hurries and a fumble caused.

Ortiz had just one tackle in each of the first two games, then had three tackles and had a sack for three yards lost vs. California. He was slated to start the next game two weeks later against No. 9 Washington, but suffered a slight concussion the week of the game during practice and became one of the nine projected Husker starters to miss 45 games on the season. He returned the next week against Oklahoma State, and in his first start of the season had a career-high and team-leading 14 tackles with two quarterback hurries. He had a tackle for loss vs. A&M, Missouri, and Texas, then posted a career-best and team season-best four tackles for 14 yards lost at Iowa State. Against Missouri, Ortiz partially blocked a Vince Sebo punt in the second quarter. It was the only time a Husker blocked a kick this season and the first time NU had blocked a punt since Eric Warfield blocked a Missouri punt in the 1996 game.

In 1997, Ortiz began the year as Brian Shaw's backup at Sam linebacker, then took over the starting duties in the last three games. In 12 games, Ortiz totaled 32 tackles (11 solo), including six tackles for 26 yards lost and 3.5 sacks for 24 yards lost. He also had one breakup, two fumble recoveries and five quarterback hurries. Ortiz had a season-best five tackles twice (vs. Baylor and Oklahoma). His sacks were against Kansas State, Baylor, Oklahoma and Texas A&M.

In 1996, Ortiz played as a backup Sam linebacker to Jamel Williams and Brian Shaw. Ortiz had 10 tackles on the year (three solo), including a 6-yard sack against Baylor.

Ortiz redshirted in 1995. Playing for Crosby High in Waterbury, Conn., Ortiz was listed as the No. 1 linebacker coming out of high school by SuperPrep in 1995. Ortiz played on both sides of the ball at Crosby High. For more on Ortiz, see page 119 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

Tony Ortiz's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1995--Redshirted												
1996	9/0	3	7	10	1-6	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	12/3	11	21	32	6-26	3.5-24	0-2	0	1	0	5	0
1998	11/8	20	26	46	9-28	1-3	1-0	1	2	0	4	0
Totals	**32/11**	**34**	**54**	**88**	**16-60**	**5.5-33**	**1-2**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**9**	**0**

Fumble Returns: 2-8 yards in 1997
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 5 UT, 0 AT, 5 TT

#84 Mike Rucker

Right Rush End

6-6, 260, Sr.
Letters: Four
St. Joseph, Mo.
(Benton)

- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, AP, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle)**
- **Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week vs. Colorado, 11/27/98**
- **ABC/Chevrolet NU Player of the Game vs. Colorado, 11/27/98**
- **1997 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
- **December, 1998 Graduate in Sociology**

Senior right rush end Mike Rucker was a preseason All-American, but was slowed in the first three games by a pelvic injury, which hurt his numbers. He didn't miss any games or starts, but had just four tackles in the first four games. On the season, Rucker worked his way back to finish sixth on the team with 53 stops, including nine tackles for 21 yards lost. He was second on the team to Chad Kelsay in quarterback hurries with 11, had one breakup, 1.5 sacks for 12 yards lost and led the team with four fumbles caused, giving him six in his career. Rucker also had a team-high three interceptions caused. He earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from the AP, league coaches, the Kansas City Star and Houston Chronicle. Rucker finished his stellar four-year career with 40 tackles for 175 yards lost, to rank fourth all-time at NU. He earned his degree in sociology in December and is one of nine players who will play in the bowl game as graduates.

Although Rucker was hampered by a pelvic injury and only had four tackles in the first four games, he had a season-best three quarterback hurries against No. 9 Washington in game four. He also forced a Brock Huard fumble, which NU recovered and scored two plays later. Against Oklahoma State, Rucker had a then-career-best 11-tackle performance (four solo stops), including one tackle for loss in the win. Rucker was also responsible for stopping Nathan Simmons on the 1-yard line on the final play of the game. He had six tackles, including two tackles for losses, at Texas A&M. He had three stops and forced an interception against Kansas. Against Missouri, the St. Joseph, Mo., native had five tackles, and threw Devin West for a 2-yard loss on a key 3rd-and-1 play in fourth quarter. Rucker also harassed Corby Jones all afternoon with three quarterback hurries and a pass breakup. Against Texas, Rucker tied his career best with 11 tackles, including a season-best three tackles for losses. He had one tackle for loss and three tackles at Iowa State. Against No. 2/1 Kansas State, Rucker had three tackles and one forced fumble. He also caused Michael Bishop to throw an interception. With two minutes remaining in the third quarter, Bishop was scrambling under heavy pressure by Rucker. Rover Mike Brown tipped the pass into the arms of true freshman corner Keyuo Craver. Rucker caused his third interception of the year against Colorado (Finley returned 42 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 7-0 lead). Rucker also had a sack on CU's Mike Moschetti (with Foreman) and caused a fumble (Kelsay recovered). He had a second fumble caused in the game on his second sack (recovered by Jeremy Slechta). Rucker would have had a third sack in the game as he tackled Moschetti on a 3rd-and-5 situation, but it was for no gain and technically does not count as a sack. He was named the Big 12 Defensive player of the Week as he finished with seven tackles.

Rucker played a key role in 1997 and 15 times set opponents back on their heels. He alternated with Kelsay at left rush end, opposite All-American and Lombardi Award winner Grant Wistrom. He took over the starting duties from Kelsay in the first and the last game of the season and started against Tennessee in the Orange Bowl. Rucker finished eighth in tackles with 38 (17 solo) and was second in sacks with 7.5-56 and was tied for second in tackles for loss with 15-70. He also had four breakups at the line, one forced fumble (vs. Oklahoma) and was third in quarterback hurries with 15. Rucker had a 5-yard sack against No. 2 Washington in game three, then had five consecutive games with at least one sack to end the season. In the overtime game at Missouri, playing in front of his friends and family, Rucker had three tackles for losses and 1.5 sacks including a big sack with Wistrom to end the game. Against Missouri, Rucker had a season-best six tackles. In the Orange Bowl, Rucker had two tackles, including a sack and caused a fumble.

In 1996, Rucker served as the backup to Wistrom at right rush end, but was considered a first-teamer, alternating into the game often. Rucker had a knack for making big plays once he entered. In 12 outings, he was second only to Wistrom in tackles for loss with 15-67 yards lost. Rucker combined with Wistrom for 35 tackles for loss at right rush end. He was also second only to Wistrom in sacks with seven for 48 yards lost. He had one breakup, one fumble caused and recovered for a 2-yard gain, and eight quarterback hurries, causing one interception. He tied his season best of five tackles three times in 1996 (vs. Baylor, Texas Tech and Oklahoma). His best game was at Texas Tech with four sacks for 24 yards lost (the best by any Husker in 1996) and had one hurry to go with his five tackles. He caused and recovered a Missouri fumble and returned it two yards to the Missouri 8-yard line. Nebraska converted the turnover three plays later to go up 51-0 in the third quarter.

As a redshirt freshman in 1995, Rucker played in nine games behind Wistrom and Chad Kelsay. He had 13 tackles, including a season-high five tackles vs. Oklahoma State, and one 16-yard sack against Kansas State. In the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, Rucker applied a 7-yard sack to Danny Wuerffel in the second quarter. He redshirted in 1994 after earning All-America honors as a prepster at Benton High School in St. Joseph, Mo. For more on Mike Rucker, please see page 120 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Mike Rucker's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1994	Redshirted											
1995	9/0	3	10	13	1-16	1-16	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
1996	12/0	15	17	32	15-68	7-48	1-2	0	1	0	8	1
1997	12/2	17	21	38	15-70	7.5-56	1-0	0	4	0	15	0
1998	12/12	21	32	53	9-21	1.5-12	3-0	0	1	0	11	3
Total	**45/14**	**56**	**80**	**136**	**40-175**	**17-132**	**5-2**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**36**	**4**

Fumble Returns: 1-2 yards in 1996
1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT; Sacks 1-7
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT; TFL 1-2, Sacks 1-2; Fumble Caused 1
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 3 UT, 0 AT, 3 TT; TFL 1-9; Sacks 1-9; Fumble Recovered

Against the Nation's Best Rushers

This season, the Huskers faced three rushers who finished ranked among the nation's top 25 in rushing, including statisical champion and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams. The three tests for the Huskers were on consecutive weeks beginning with Missouri's Devin West on Oct. 24; UT's Williams on Oct. 31; and ISU's Darren Davis on Nov. 7. The Blackshirts did not allow the trio a single rushing TD.

Team	Player	Gametime Avg.	Att.-Yds-Tds	APC	Final Rank
UT	Ricky Williams	212.0	37-150-0	4.1	1st
MU	Devin West	175.2	24-72-0	3.0	5th
ISU	Darren Davis	106.6	18-48-0	2.7	22nd

#46 Brian Shaw

Sam Linebacker

6-1, 215, Jr.
Letters: Three
Deweese, Neb.
(Sandy Creek)

- **1998 Second-Team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American**
- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1996, 1997, 1998)**
- **Cumulative 4.0 Grade Point Average in Animal Science**
- **1997 Sports Illustrated All-Walk-on Team**

Brian Shaw and Tony Ortiz alternated at Sam linebacker this season. Shaw started the first four games and Ortiz started the last eight. Shaw saw plenty of action and finished 11th on the team with 39 tackles (12 solo), including four tackles for loss (one sack) and four quarterback hurries, causing two interceptions. Still a perfect 4.0 in the classroom, Shaw earned GTE/CoSIDA second-team All-America honors and was named to the academic All-Big 12 first team for the third consecutive year. Shaw is one of six former walk-ons who started for the Huskers this season.

In 1998, Shaw led the team in tackles with a career-best 10 in game two vs. UAB. He had tackles for loss at California, A&M, vs. Missouri (a 5-yard sack) and Texas. He had quarterback hurries causing interceptions against No. 9 Washington (tipped by Carlos Polk and intercepted by Chad Kelsay) and against Iowa State (Clint Finley intercepted).

The starting Sam linebacker in eight of the first nine games, Shaw gave way to Ortiz in the last three games of the 1997 season. Shaw totaled 28 tackles on the season (12 solo), including five for 32 yards lost, one sack for 10 yards against Baylor, and three pass breakups. He also had four quarterback hurries and caused an interception against Akron. Shaw had two tackles for 16 yards lost against nationally ranked Kansas State and a career-best five tackles. A walk-on, Shaw was one of three Huskers named to the 1997 Sports Illustrated All-Walk-on Team.

In 1996, Shaw played in every game as the backup Sam linebacker to Jamel Williams, the Huskers' leading tackler in 1996. Shaw had 22 tackles on the season, including 10 solo stops. A walk-on athlete, Shaw had a season-best four tackles, including three solo stops against Baylor. He had 1.5 sacks for 11 yards lost and three tackles for 13 yards lost, a fumble recovery on an Eric Warfield blocked punt vs. Michigan State for a 7-yard gain and four quarterback hurries in 1996. He had one tackle for loss against Missouri, when he had three tackles and shared an 8-yard sack with Mike Rucker. He also had a 7-yard sack against Baylor. A walk-on, Shaw redshirted in 1995. For more on Brian Shaw, please see page 121 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Brian Shaw's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1995--Redshirted												
1996	12/0	10	12	22	3-13	1.5-11	0-1	0	0	0	4	0
1997	12/8	12	16	28	5-32	1-10	0-0	0	3	0	4	1
1998	12/4	12	27	39	4-11	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	4	2
Total	36/12	34	55	89	12-56	3.5-26	0-1	0	3	0	12	3

Fumble Returns: 1-7 yards in 1996
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles none
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

#16 Erwin Swiney

Left Cornerback

6-0, 185, So.
Letters: Two
Lincoln, Neb.
(Northeast)

- **Tied for Second on NU Season Charts with 13 PBUs in 1998**

Sophomore Erwin Swiney (pronounced SWEE-nee) started every game this season at left corner opposite two-time All-Big 12 left cornerback Ralph Brown. Swiney was tried and tested and certainly saw plenty of action. He finished the season as the Huskers' fifth-leading tackler with 61 stops and had 32 solo tackles to rank tied for third. He didn't get an interception, but had 13 pass breakups, which tied for second on the NU all-time season list, tying the previous school record held by Barron Miles (13 in 1994), but one behind Ralph Brown's 1998 total of 14. Swiney also packed some punch recording four tackles for loss (including two sacks) and recovered one fumble. Swiney has not redshirted and is just in his second year of action, being thrown into the fire as a true freshman in 1997. He started the last nine games for the national championship Huskers. Swiney is one of two Husker starters to call Lincoln home (also offensive tackle Ben Gessford).

In 1998, Swiney was often a target, but performed well. He had six or more tackles in five games and began the season with seven against pass-happy Louisiana Tech. Against No. 9 Washington, Swiney assisted with a Jay Foreman hit that caused Willie Hurst to fumble. Swiney recovered and NU scored seven plays later. He tied with Tony Ortiz for the team lead in tackles posting a career-best 14 (five solo) vs. Oklahoma State and in the game had an 11-yard sack and two more tackles for loss for a career-best 3-15. He had his second sack (1-yard lost) vs. Texas A&M and had a career-best three breakups to go with his two tackles. He broke up seven passes in a three-game stretch, following the A&M game with two each vs. Kansas and Missouri (both were on Missouri's last 10-play drive). After the Kansas game, KU Coach Terry Allen said, *"We knew Brown was a great corner, but No. 16 (Swiney), he made some great plays, some very athletic plays, that took away some first downs. I didn't realize he was quite as good as he was. He was excellent. We're a better offensive football team than we were a year ago, but we couldn't overcome the athleticism of their corners."* Swiney had eight tackles and a breakup against both Iowa State and Kansas State. The breakup vs. the top-ranked Wildcats gave Swiney 13 in the season which would have tied the school record, had Ralph Brown not broken it in the same game with two vs. KSU (14 on the season).

In 1997, Swiney became the second true freshman to start in the Husker secondary in a two-year period (also Ralph Brown in 1996) when he took over the starting left corner duties for Jerome Peterson in game four. Swiney played in every game, started the last nine games and had 24 tackles on the year, including 13 solo stops. He had four breakups, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions (1-0 vs. Baylor, 1-2 vs. Colorado).

Swiney only played organized football for two years in high school, moving to Lincoln from Dallas in 1994. He was a versatile skill athlete starting at both receiver and corner in 1996. For more information on Swiney, please see page 122 of the 1998 NU Football Media Guide.

Erwin Swiney's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1997	12/9	13	11	24	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	4	2	0	0
1998	12/12	32	29	61	4-16	2-12	0-1	0	13	0	0	0
Total	24/21	45	40	85	4-16	2-12	0-3	0	17	2	0	0

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 5 UT, 0 AT, 5 TT; 1 PBU

#25 Joe Walker

Rover/Returns

5-10, 200, So.
Letters: Two
Arlington, Texas
(Arlington-Lamar)

- **1998 Second-Team All-Big 12 Kick Returner (Coaches, AP, Austin AS)**
- **Tied NCAA Record With a Kickoff, Punt and Interception Return for a TD in One Season, 1998**

Joe Walker was an exciting player to watch in 1998. He started the first six games at rover when Mike Brown was starting at free safety for the injured Clint Finley, and finished seventh on the team with 50 tackles, including five for losses. He tied for the team lead with three interceptions and made opponents and fans alike hold their breath every time he got a ball to return. In fact, Walker tied an NCAA record (with five others) returning a kickoff, punt return and interception all for TDs this season. Unfortunately, Walker suffered a torn left ACL on a punt return drill in practice on Dec. 12 and will not play in the bowl game. Walker has more than 1,000 yards in returns in his two-year career with 755 on kickoffs, 322 on punt returns and 136 in interception returns. Walker finished sixth on the NU season chart with 366 kickoff return yards in 1998 (also holds fourth with 389 in 1997) ranked ninth in punt return yards with 283 and ranked second in the Big 12 the last two years in kickoff returns (25.9, 23.6 ypr).

Walker wasted no time in making things exciting, returning a kickoff 99 yards in the season opener against Louisiana Tech in his first career start (season-best 7-182 kickoff returns), finishing just three yards short of his own school record for kickoff yards in a game. He also had six tackles, one tackle for five yards lost and a breakup. It was the first kickoff return for a TD since Kenny Cheatham returned a kick 85 yards against Oklahoma in 1996. It was the longest kickoff return for a TD since Tyrone Hughes had a 99-yard kickoff return vs. Kansas State on Oct. 6, 1990. His one kickoff return for a TD in a season ties the NU school record. Walker recorded his first interception of the season against No. 9 Washington, when he picked off Brock Huard midway through the third quarter. Walker was deemed *"electrifying"* by NU Coach Frank Solich after the OSU game, when he had a game-winning 73-yard punt return for a touchdown which gave NU the lead with 7:29 remaining in the fourth quarter. He became only the third Husker player since 1949 to return a punt and a kickoff for a TD in the same season, and the first since Johnny Rodgers did so in 1971 (also Ron Clark in 1949). In the game, Walker had a career-best seven tackles (one for a 1-yard loss), a career-best five punt returns for 92 yards (18.4 yards per punt return), four kickoff returns for 68 yards and 160 yards in returns and was named the Big 12 Specialty Player of the Week. Against Kansas, Walker recorded his second interception of the year when he intercepted Zac Wegner just out of the KU end zone (1-yard line). Walker entered the NCAA record books on Nov. 7 after returning an interception 65 yards for a TD against ISU. That interception TD gave him a return TD in all three categories this season to set a school career record and tie an NCAA record as he became one of just six players in Division I-A to accomplish that feat. Walker continued to have a valuable role, even after Mike Brown moved back to rover for the Missouri game, recording 18 tackles in the last four games, including two tackles for loss. He was also valuable as the Huskers' nickel back.

Walker played in all 12 games in 1997 and started one. He tallied 27 tackles, one breakup, three tackles for losses, two sacks and two interceptions (a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Kansas State, and a pickoff in Nebraska's overtime game at Missouri). Walker had seven punt returns for 39 yards and 15 kickoff returns for 389 yards for a 25.9 average per return. Walker set a school record with 185 kickoff return yards against Missouri. Walker has not redshirted. For more information on Walker, see page 146 of the 1998 NU Media Guide (see stats at right).

#96 Steve Warren

Nose Tackle

6-1, 305, Jr.
Letters: Three
Springfield, Mo.
(Kickapoo)

Junior Steve Warren started the first six games for the Huskers at nose tackle, then backed up senior Jason Wiltz, who moved over from his defensive tackle position for the remainder of the season. Warren missed two games with back spasms, but finished with 26 tackles, including one tackle for loss, four breakups, seven quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery. With four breakups this season and three last year, he owns the school position career record (old record was six by several players).

Warren had a career-best three pass breakups against California, causing one interception (Carlos Polk). Warren caused a second interception the next week against No. 9 Washington. He put heavy pressure on Brock Huard, causing him to throw into the arms of fellow defensive lineman Jason Wiltz. In that game he also recovered a fumble. Warren tied his career high with five tackles against Oklahoma State. He had a tackle for loss at Iowa State (three yards lost) and seven quarterback hurries on the season, including a career-best two vs. Washington and Iowa State.

In 1997, Warren played in every game and started two at defensive tackle. He had 19 tackles on the season, three breakups, five QB hurries, and a 6-yard sack against Kansas. When Jason Peter had to leave the Big 12 Championship game in the first quarter with a back injury, Warren stepped in and had a career-high five tackles.

As a scholarship freshman, Warren saw immediate action in 1996, playing in eight games and posting six tackles, one fumble recovery, one breakup, one hurry and one tackle for loss. He did not play in the 1996 Orange Bowl. Warren was an All-America defensive player at Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Mo. For more information on Warren, see page 146 of the 1998 NU Guide.

Steve Warren's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996	8/0	2	4	6	1-3	0.5-3	0-1	0	1	0	1	0
1997	12/2	6	13	19	1-6	1-6	0-0	0	3	0	5	0
1998	10/6	10	16	26	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	4	0	7	2
Total	**30/8**	**18**	**33**	**51**	**3-12**	**1.5-9**	**0-2**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**13**	**2**

1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

Joe Walker's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1997	12/1	15	12	27	3-19	2-18	0-0	0	1	2	0	0
1998	12/7	22	28	50	5-10	0-0	1-0	0	1	3	0	0
Total	**24/8**	**37**	**40**	**77**	**8-29**	**2-18**	**1-0**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**0**

Interceptions: 2-71-1 in 1997 (1-71-TD vs. KSU, 1-0 vs. MU); 3-65-1 in 1998; (1-65 TD vs. ISU, 1-0 vs. KU, 1-0 vs. UW); 5-136-2 total
Punt Returns: 7-39-0 in 1997; 25-283-1 in 1998 (73-yard TD vs. OSU); 32-322-1 total (10.1 ypr)
Kickoff Returns: 15-389-0 in 1997; 17-366 in 1998 (99-yard TD vs. La Tech); 32-755-1 total (23.6 ypr)
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT

◆ **NCAA Record...Kickoff, Punt and Interception Returns for TDs in the same season...**Joe Walker, Nebraska, 1998; Joe Crocker, Virginia, 1994; Scott Thomas, Air Force, 1985; Mark Haynes, Arizona State; Dick Harris, South Carolina, 1970; Chris McAlister, Ariz., 1998.

#5 Shevin Wiggins

Wingback/Returns

5-11, 200, Sr.
Letters: Three
Palmetto, Fla.
(Manatee)

- **1998 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 Kick Returner (Coaches)**
- **1998 Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award Semifinalist (1 of 14)**

Shevin Wiggins played in every game and started four alternating with Lance Brown at wingback in 1998. He ranked second on the team in receiving with 22-326 yards and one TD and had eight rushes for 47 yards. He was second in punt returns to Joe Walker with 9-144-0 (16.0) and second in kick returns to Walker with 10-224-0 (22.4).

In game three vs. California, Wiggins caught a career-best seven passes for a career-best 97 yards, including a 5-yard TD with 3:54 in the fourth quarter to put NU up 21-3. He had 4-62 at halftime. The TD reception was the first in his career (but has had one punt return TD and one rushing TD). Wiggins had two or more receptions five times (2-45 with career-long 42 yard reception vs. Washington, 2-17 vs. Missouri, 4-59 vs. Texas and 3-42 vs. Colorado). Wiggins and Davison (10 vs. Texas A&M) are the only two Husker receivers to have caught seven or more passes in a game since tight end Johnny Mitchell had seven vs. Oklahoma in 1991. Wiggins had two rushes three times (2-20 vs. La Tech, 2-12 vs. UAB, 2-18 vs. ISU). He tied his career best with three kickoff returns (for 33 yards) against Kansas State and had a season-best 45 yards (on two returns) vs. Cal. He had a career-best three punt returns vs. Cal (for 51 yards) and 65 yards (on two returns) vs. Missouri.

Wiggins played in all 12 games in 1997 and started two at wingback. Wiggins had six receptions for 76 yards, including a season-long 21-yarder vs. Washington. Wiggins also had 19 punt returns for 220 yards (11.6 average) with a season long of 39 yards vs. ISU. He had nine kickoff returns for 243 yards (27.0 average). Against Iowa State, Wiggins had a career-best 41-yard kickoff return. In the game, Wiggins had two kickoff returns for 60 yards and two punt returns for 47 yards. He had a season-best 39-yard punt return vs. ISU. Wiggins ranked 28th nationally in punt returns (11.6) and would have ranked ninth in kickoff returns (27.0 ypr), but he was short of the prerequisite 1.2 rpg. Wiggins also had one rush for six yards. He had three rushes for 28 yards and a TD in the Orange Bowl.

In 1996, Wiggins played in every game except Missouri, when he sat out with a thigh bruise. He caught three passes for 45 yards. Wiggins returned 13 punts for 175 yards (13.5 average) and had a career-high five returns vs. Oklahoma for 42 yards, but gained the most yards (43) against Colorado State, when he had a 43-yard return for a touchdown. Wiggins also had four kickoff returns for 70 yards (17.5 average), with a career-best three for 61 yards against Colorado. For more on Shevin Wiggins, please see page 123 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Guide.

Shevin Wiggins' Career Statistics

Receiving (Redshirted in 1995)

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1996	11/0	3	45	15.0	4.1	18 vs. KU	0
1997	12/2	6	76	12.7	6.3	21 vs. Wash	0
1998	12/4	19	284	14.9	25.8	42 vs. Wash	1
Totals	**35/6**	**28**	**405**	**14.4**	**11.9**	**42 vs. Wash**	**1**

Kickoff Returns: 4-70-0 in 1996; 9-243-0 in 1997; 10-224-0 in 1998; 23-537-0 total (23.3 ypr), long of 41 vs. ISU in 1997; **Punt Returns:** 13-175-1 (43-yard TD vs. Colorado State) in 1996; 19-220-0 in 1997; 9-144-0 in 1998; 41-539-1 total (13.1 ypr), long of 53 vs. Missouri in 1998.
Rushing: 2-20 vs. Louisiana Tech, 2-12 vs. Alabama-Birmingham, 1998; 1-6 vs. Texas A&M, 1997; 5-38-0 total; **1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech:** Receiving, 3-36; **1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee:** Receiving none; Rushing 3-28, 1 TD; Kickoff Returns 1-29; Punt Returns 1-9

#99 Jason Wiltz

Nose Tackle

6-4, 310, Sr.
Letters: Three
New Orleans, La.
(St. Augustine)

- **1997 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)**
- **School Record for Interceptions in a Season by a Defensive Lineman With Two in 1998**

Senior Jason Wiltz started the first game at defensive tackle for the Huskers in 1998, then missed the next two with an ankle sprain. He started at DT against Oklahoma State and A&M, then moved to nose tackle for the remainder of the season, leaving the DT position secure in Loran Kaiser's hands. Wiltz is expected to start at nose in the Holiday Bowl.

Wiltz finished the season with 35 tackles, including 10 solo stops. He had one 7-yard sack at Iowa State and set a school season defensive tackle record for most interceptions in a season with two (1-27 vs. Louisiana Tech, 1-5 vs. Washington, previous record was one, held by 15 others). Wiltz batted a pass at the line against Oklahoma State and apparently had his third interception of the season at the OSU 30. He pitched the ball to Jay Foreman who ran it to the OSU 2, but it was called back on an NU roughing the passer penalty. Wiltz had a career-best nine tackles vs. the Cowboys. Against the Kansas State Wildcats, Wiltz caused a Michael Bishop fumble on the NU 1-yard line in the second quarter. It was recovered by Polk, but NU did not convert. He had five tackles against Missouri and four vs. A&M, Texas and Kansas State.

In 1997, Wiltz took over the starting defensive tackle position next to Jason Peter, which was vacated by graduate 1996 Jeff Ogard. Wiltz played in 11 games and started 10 (all except the season opener vs. Akron and the Kansas game). Wiltz finished ninth on the team with 34 tackles (14 solo), including five tackles for six yards lost and two sacks for 11 yards lost. He also had one breakup, one fumble recovery and seven quarterback hurries. He had a 9-yard sack against Baylor and a 2-yard sack vs. Texas Tech. He had career-best tackle days against Texas Tech, Missouri (career-best five solos) and Colorado when he had six tackles.

As a sophomore defensive tackle, Wiltz played in all 12 games in 1996, recording 20 tackles. Five of those were solo stops, including a 6-yard sack against Kansas State. He had a season-best three tackles three times, vs. Colorado State, Missouri and Iowa State. Wiltz also had two quarterback hurries and another two tackles for loss, giving him 3-8 on the year.

In 1995, Wiltz played in three games as a backup defensive tackle behind Christian Peter, but did not have any tackles. A scholarship athlete and SuperPrep All-America defensive tackle at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, Wiltz redshirted in 1994. For more on Jason Wiltz, please see page 125 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Jason Wiltz's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1994--Redshirted												
1995	3/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	12/0	5	15	20	3-8	1-6	2-0	0	0	0	2	0
1997	11/10	14	20	34	5-6	2-11	0-1	0	1	0	7	0
1998	10/9	10	25	35	1-7	1-7	1-0	0	2	2	4	0
Total	**36/19**	**29**	**60**	**89**	**9-21**	**4-24**	**3-1**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**13**	**0**

Interceptions: 2-32; 1-27 vs. Louisiana Tech, 1-5 vs. Washington
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

#82 Sean Applegate

Wingback
5-9, 190, Jr.
Letters: Two
Lincoln, Neb.
(Lincoln High)

- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**
- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**

Junior wingback Sean Applegate played in 10 games in 1998 (all except Louisiana Tech and Oklahoma State) as the No. 3 wingback behind Shevin Wiggins and Lance Brown. His playing time increased dramatically when Brown was out for six games with a broken foot, as Nebraska alternates plays in via its receiver positions. Applegate did not have any receptions. With a 3.317 cumulative grade-point average in pre-education, Applegate was a nominee for academic All-America honors and earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors. As a sophomore in 1997, Applegate played five games and caught one 9-yard pass against Akron. In 1996, he played in three games but did not have any receptions. A walk-on, Applegate redshirted in 1995.

#14 Dion Booker

Free Safety
6-1, 205, Fr.
Letters: One
Oceanside, Calif.
(El Camino)

Dion Booker played in every game except the last one this season, sitting out of Colorado action with a left knee injury. He had lateral miniscus surgery on Dec. 4, but has a chance to play inthe bowl game. Booker had two solo tackles, one each against UAB and Kansas and caused a fumble vs. Oklahoma State. he backed up Clint Finley and Mike Brown at free safety and was a member of the punt coverage team. In 1997, Booker suited up for the first two home games and made the travel roster to Washington, before deciding to redshirt. The younger brother of former Husker and NFL Atlanta Falcons defensive back Michael Booker, Dion was a standout running back and defensive back for El Camino HS in Oceanside, Calif. For more information on Dion, please see page 126 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#48 Jamie Burrow

Mike Linebacker
6-1, 230, Fr.
Letters: One
Ames, Iowa

- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**

Redshirt freshman Jamie Burrow played an important role as a specialty teams player in 1998. Burrow totaled four tackles (two solo) on the season, including a career-best two stops vs. Kansas. Burrow was a member of the Huskers' No. 1 kickoff return and punt return teams. He is also on the second team for punt coverage. Burrow earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors with a 3.233 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences. A scholarship athlete from Ames, Iowa, Burrow redshirted his first season at Nebraska.

#3 Keyuo Craver

Left Cornerback
6-0, 180, Fr.
Letters: One
Harleton, Texas

One of three true freshmen to play this season (along with defensive tackles Jason Lohr and Jeremy Slechta), Keyuo (pronounced KEY-yoe) Craver saw his playing time gradually increase as he gained experience to the point where he is now considered first team along with left corner Erwin Swiney and right cornerback Ralph Brown. He earned his "Blackshirt" with a career-best performance against No. 2/1 Kansas State. In that game, he had six tackles (four solo), broke up two passes, had one quarterback hurry causing an incomplete pass, and broke Michael Bishop's string of five games without an interception when he grabbed a pass tipped by NU rover Mike Brown. Craver nearly intercepted another Bishop pass in the game. His pickoff was just Bishop's second on the year. On the season, Craver played in every game and totaled 25 tackles (11 solo) and three breakups. He had five tackles against Kansas and a breakup. He is a member of the Huskers' kickoff coverage and punt return teams. One of three recruits out of the 1998 class from Texas, Craver was a first-team all-state running back, totaling more than 3,000 yards and 50 rushing TDs as a senior to become the second all-time single-season scorer and rusher behind Kenny Hall of Sugarland, playing for Harleton High. For more information on Craver, please see page 150 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

#85 T.J. DeBates

Tight End
6-3, 235, So.
Letters: Three
Stewartville, Minn.

- **Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**
- **1998 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee**

Tight end T.J. DeBates played in every game except for two (Iowa State and Kansas State) when he was out with a left knee strain, suffered in the Texas game. He generally lined up opposite of senior Sheldon Jackson and started eight games with Jackson when the Huskers began the game in a two-tight end set. DeBates made a 16-yard reception in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech, but didn't have another catch the rest of the season. An excellent blocker, DeBates helped lead the team to a No. 6 national ranking in rushing and was greatly missed when sitting out with the injury. He was also a member of the Husker kickoff return team and the PAT and field goal unit. With a 3.649 cumulative GPA in fisheries and wildlife, DeBates was a nominee for academic All-America honors and

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earned academic All-Big 12 honors for the second consecutive season. In 1997, DeBates played in every game except Washington as the No. 4 tight end behind Tim Carpenter, Vershan Jackson and Sheldon Jackson and traveled to every road game. He caught his first and only pass of the season in the Big 12 Championship game against Texas A&M, a 7-yard grab which put NU on the 1-yard line. The Huskers scored on the next play to go ahead 30-3. A scholarship athlete, DeBates redshirted in 1995, then played in six games in 1996, but did not have any receptions. For more information on DeBates, please see page 129 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Guide.

T. J. DeBates' Career Statistics

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1995--Redshirted							
1996	6/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
1997	12/0	1	7	7.0	0.6	7 vs. A&M	0
1998	10/8	1	16	16.0	1.6	16 vs. LaTech	0
Totals	**28/8**	**2**	**23**	**11.5**	**0.8**	**16 vs. LaTech**	**0**

1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Did not play
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receptions none

#80 Billy Haafke

Split End
5-11, 190, Sr.
Letters: Three
South Sioux City, Neb.

Senior split end Billy Haafke (pronounced HALF-key) backed up senior Kenny Cheatham and sophomore Matt Davison at split end this season and played in every game. He saw increased action from the line of scrimmage when Cheatham missed three games (Texas A&M, Kansas and Missouri) with a separated left shoulder. Haafke had his best season with six catches for 54 yards, including a career-long of 16 yards against Missouri. He had a career-best three catches for 23 yards against Texas A&M (would have had a fourth, but nullified by penalty), and one catch against UAB (six yards), Washington (nine yards) and Missouri (16 yards). He played in eight games in 1997 and made one reception (eight yards) vs Akron. A reserve in 1995 and 1996, he played in three and five games, respectively, after redshirting in 1994. A walk-on, Haafke was a two-time honorable-mention all-state receiver for South Sioux City High School in Nebraska. For more information on Billy Haafke, please see page 132 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Billy Haafke's Career Statistics

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
1994--Redshirted							
1995	3/0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	5/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
1997	8/0	1	8	8.0	1.0	8 vs. Akron	0
1998	12/0	6	54	9.0	4.5	16 vs MU	0
Totals	**28/0**	**7**	**62**	**7.8**	**2.2**	**16 vs. MU**	**0**

1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Did not play
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Did not play
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Receptions none

#50 Julius Jackson

Will Linebacker
6-0, 235, Jr.
Letters: Three
Gainesville, Texas

A solid backup for starter Eric Johnson, Julius Jackson played in 10 games at Will linebacker, all except Kansas and Missouri when he sat out with a right knee strain. Jackson recorded 24 tackles, including nine solo stops. He had three tackles for loss on the season, one each vs. UAB, Texas A&M and Iowa State (the first two were sacks). Jackson had a career-high six tackles in the season finale vs. Colorado (two solo). He had four stops and broke up a pass against the Cyclones and had five quarterback hurries on the year, including two against both California and Washington. Jackson was also second on the team with two interceptions caused. In 1997, Jackson played in 10 games and totaled seven tackles from his Will linebacker position. Jackson played in 10 games as a redshirt freshman in 1996, recording 13 tackles, including three solo stops. He had one interception (no return) against Missouri and broke up a pass against Baylor. He had two tackles for loss on the year, one vs. Kansas (one yard), one vs. Baylor (three yards) and shared a six-yard sack with Chad Kelsay against Baylor. Jackson traveled to every game and also had one breakup on the season. He serves as Vice President and is a two-year member of the Husker Student-Athlete Advisory Board. A scholarship athlete, Jackson redshirted in 1995. He was an All-America linebacker as a senior at Gainesville High School. For more information on Julius Jackson, please see page 133 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Julius Jackson's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1995--Redshirted												
1996	10/0	3	10	13	2-4	.5-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	0
1997	10/0	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
1998	10/0	9	15	24	3-20	2-19	0-0	0	1	0	5	2
Total	**30/0**	**15**	**29**	**44**	**5-24**	**2.5-22**	**0-0**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**6**	**2**

Interceptions: 1-0 vs. Missouri, 1996
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles none
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

Junior Will linebacker Julius Jackson made an impact in 1998 with 24 tackles, two sacks and one breakup.

#47 Josh Kohl

Will Linebacker

6-1, 220, Jr.
Letters: Three
Hastings, Neb.

- **1998 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**

Junior Josh Kohl has been one of the Huskers' most productive special teams players. He has seen limited action as the No. 3 Will linebacker behind Eric Johnson and Julius Jackson, but made his mark as a member of the punt coverage and kickoff return teams. Kohl totaled 10 tackles playing in every game, and had one tackle for a 3-yard loss and one quarterback hurry vs. Iowa State. He had a career-best three tackles vs. Texas A&M and Iowa State. Against the Cyclones, Kohl recovered a fumbled punt in the first quarter which led to Nebraska's first TD en route to a 42-7 win. Kohl was an honorable-mention academic All-Big 12 selection this year with a 3.02 grade-point average for the year in pre-education. He lettered the last two years playing in seven games each season and recorded three tackles both years. A walk-on, Kohl redshirted in 1995. For more information on Josh Kohl, please see page 135 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Josh Kohl's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)				Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.Csd.
1995--Redshirted											
1996	7/0	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0
1997	7/0	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0
1998	12/0	4	6	10	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	2 0
Totals	**26/0**	**5**	**11**	**16**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**0-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2 0**

1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Did not play
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

#40 Billy Legate

Fullback

5-11, 230, Sr.
Letters: Four
Clearwater, Neb.

- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1996, 1997, 1998)**

Billy Legate (pronounced Luh-GATE) is the Huskers' No. 3 fullback behind starter Joel Makovicka and Willie Miller. Legate is on NU's No. 1 kickoff return, punt coverage and PAT and field goal units. He has also seen action on kickoff coverage. Legate got a slow start in 1998 after having his right knee scoped in early August. Legate played in every game except the season opener, when he was still recovering from the injury. He rushed five times for 11 yards and recorded his first career TD when added the final touches on a 41-0 shutout of Kansas with a 6-yard score. Legate tied his career high in that game with three carries, and bettered his career-best with 23 yards, including a season-long run of 11 yards. He also had two carries for five yards against Washington. Legate had three tackles as a member of Husker special teams, which gives him 21 in his four-year career. Legate has not been tagged for a loss in rushing. He earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors for the third consecutive year with a 3.421 cumulative grade-point average in pre-education. Legate played in all 12 games in 1997, rushing 12 times for 74 yards. He had a season-best 14 yards against Akron (career-high three carries) and Baylor (career-long 14-yard run). He was Nebraska's leader on special teams with six tackles and caught two passes for 18 yards, including a career-best 15 yarder vs. Akron. In 1996, Legate had a hamstring injury but was able to serve as NU's No. 3 fullback behind Brian Schuster and Makovicka. Legate was one of the leaders for the Huskers on special teams with five tackles and rushed three times for eight yards (all against Colorado State). He also caught one pass for nine yards against the Rams. In 1995, Legate had seven tackles and five carries for 21 yards. A walk-on athlete, Legate redshirted in 1994. At Clearwater High School, which played eight-man football, Legate was a two-time all-state honoree as a running back, rushing for more than 1,500 yards in both his junior and senior years. For more information on Legate, please see page 136 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

Billy Legate's Career Statistics

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1994--Redshirted									
1995	9/0	5	21	0	21	4.2	2.3	7 vs. ISU	0
1996	8/0	3	8	0	8	2.7	1.0	5 vs. CSU	0
1997	12/0	12	74	0	74	6.2	6.2	14 vs.BU	0
1998	11/0	5	28	0	28	5.6	2.5	11 vs.KU	1
Totals	**40/0**	**25**	**131**	**0**	**131**	**5.2**	**3.3**	**14 vs. BU**	**0**

Catches: 2-18 in 1997
Tackles: 2 UT, 5 AT, 7 TT in 1995; 1 UT, 4 AT, 5 TT in 1996; 1UT, 5AT, 6 TT in 1997; 1UT, 2AT, 3TT in 1998 (21 total)
1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Rushing 1-1
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Kickoff Returns 1-18
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: 1UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

#70 Jason Lohr

Nose Tackle

6-3, 275, Fr.
Letters: One
Tulsa, Okla.
(Jenks)

Jason Lohr is one of three true freshmen to see playing time for the Huskers this season along with fellow defensive lineman Jeremy Slechta and cornerback Keyuo Craver. Lohr enters the bowl game listed as the No. 3 nose tackle behind senior starter Jason Wiltz and junior Steve Warren. Lohr played in every game and recorded seven tackles (five solo). He had two tackles (both solo) against UAB and Iowa State and his only sack in the season finale game against Colorado (for a 6-yard lost). Lohr, a scholarship player from Tulsa, he was a two-time all-state player for Jenks High School. For more information on Jason Lohr, please see page 152 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#32 Greg McGraw

Free Safety
6-2, 200, Jr.
Letters: One
Millville, N.J.

◆ **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**

Greg McGraw has played a key reserve role this season. He is the No. 3 free safety, but has played in every game, recording three tackles (one solo) as a member of the kickoff coverage team. McGraw had one assisted stop against UAB and Kansas and one solo tackle against Missouri. He was named to the academic All-Big 12 first team with a 3.40 cumulative grade-point average in pre-education. McGraw played in two games his sophomore season, recording two tackles (one solo) and one breakup. In 1996, McGraw played in three games and had one tackle. A walk-on, McGraw redshirted in 1995. He is a graduate of Millville High School in New Jersey.

#15 Willie Miller

Fullback
6-0, 235, So.
Omaha, Neb.
Letters: Two
(Bellevue West)

◆ **Two-Time Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**

Willie Miller played in all 12 games as the Huskers' No. 2 fullback behind Joel Makovicka in 1998. He carried the ball 19 times for 96 yards and two TDs, averaging 5.1 yards per carry. He was only tackled for two yards lost on the season. Against No. 9 Washington, Miller had a career-best day with nine carries for 38 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown run. In that game, he also had a career-long 16-yard run. His next-best day of the season was a five-carry, 16-yard output vs. Kansas. He recorded his other TD in the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech when he scored on an 8-yard run and had three carries for 24 yards. Miller's other yards were at Iowa State (2-8). He did not catch any passes, but had one tackle on kickoff coverage. For the second consecutive year, Miller was named to the honorable-mention academic All-Big 12 team with a 3.142 cumulative GPA in communication studies. In 1997, Miller played in eight games. He missed most of fall practice and the first game after tearing his rotator cuff in spring camp and undergoing surgery in late May. He powered his way to 49 yards on 10 carries in 1997 and scored on a 7-yard run against Oklahoma, when he had his best game (4-22). His longest run was an 11-yard gain against Kansas. In 1996, Miller redshirted. For more information on Miller, see page 138 of the 1998 NU Football Guide.

Willie Miller's Career Statistics

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
1996--Redshirted									
1997	8/0	10	53	4	49	4.9	6.1	11 vs. KU	1
1998	12/0	19	96	2	94	5.1	8.0	16 vs. Wash	2
Totals	**20/0**	**29**	**149**	**6**	**143**	**4.9**	**7.2**	**16 vs. Wash**	**3**

Tackles: 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT in 1998
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Rushing none

#13 Carlos Polk

Mike Linebacker
6-3, 245, So.
Letters: Two
Rockford, Ill.
(Guilford)

As a redshirt freshman in 1997, Polk steadily improved and worked his way up to the No. 2 Mike linebacker position behind Jay Foreman. He saw even more playing time behind Foreman in 1998. Playing in all 12 games, Polk had 22 tackles, including 13 solo stops. He had five tackles for 24 yards lost including a 10-yard sack on Kansas State's Michael Bishop. He also had one breakup, a fumble caused and recovered on a 10-yard sack vs. KSU, and a second forced fumble vs.UAB and a 16-yard interception vs. California. His pickoff was on the Bears' last drive of the game and secured the Husker 24-3 victory. A hard hitter, Polk had a career-best two tackles for nine yards lost vs. Iowa State. His season-best was five stops vs. No. 19 Missouri. Polk is also a member of the Huskers' No. 1 kickoff coverage and punt return teams. In 1997, Polk played in all 12 games and totaled 32 tackles (eight solo), including 6-24 tackles for loss and one sack for a huge 18-yards lost (vs. Texas Tech). Polk also had two fumbles caused and one quarterback hurry. His best game was a six-tackle effort vs. Oklahoma when he also had one tackle for one yard lost. Polk had at least three tackles in each of the last three games. A scholarship athlete, Polk redshirted in 1996. For more information on Carlos Polk, please see page 140 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

Carlos Polk's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1996--Redshirted												
1997	12/0	8	24	32	6-24	1-18	2-0	0	0	0	1	0
1998	12/0	13	9	22	5-24	1-10	2-1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	**24/0**	**21**	**33**	**54**	**11-48**	**2-28**	**4-1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**

Interceptions: 1-16 vs Cal, 1998
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: 0UT, 1AT, 1TT

Sophomore Mike linebacker Carlos Polk is a big (6-3) strong (245) hard-hitting Husker who totaled 22 tackles in 1998, including five for losses. He also had an interception and forced two fumbles.

#90 Jeremy Slechta

Defensive Tackle

6-5, 255, Fr.
Letters: One
LaVista, Neb.
(Papillion-LaVista)

Defensive tackle Jeremy Slechta was one of three true freshmen to play for the Huskers this season. All three (Slechta, Keyuo Craver and Josh Lohr) were members of the NU defensive squad. Slechta missed the first game of the year, recovering from a right shoulder sprain suffered in the first few days of fall practice. He played in eight games and recorded nine tackles (three solo). In his first game as a Husker (vs. UAB) he split a 6-yard sack with Jay Foreman. Slechta broke up passes against Washington and Texas A&M, had a quarterback hurry against Kansas, and had a tackle for loss against both Iowa State and Colorado. Against Colorado, he shared another sack with Foreman, and recovered a fumble caused by Mike Rucker. The recovery resulted in a game-winning Kris Brown field goal on NU's next drive. Slechta was the Nebraska defensive player of the year for Class A (largest) as named by the Omaha World-Herald. He was also a prep All-American playing defense for Papillion-LaVista High School, just outside of Omaha. For more information on Slechta, please see page 153 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#92 Travis Toline

Right Rush End

6-3, 245, Sr.
Letters: Four
Wahoo, Neb.

- **Two-Time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee (1997, 1998)**
- **Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (1997, 1998)**
- **Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering (May, 1998)**

Travis Toline played the entire season as a graduate student earning his mechanical engineering degree in May of 1998. He will be one of nine Husker grads playing with degree in hand in the Holiday Bowl. Toline is a two-time academic All-America nominee, boasting a 3.637 cumulative GPA in mechanical engineering and is a two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 honoree. In 1998, Toline backed up Mike Rucker and Aaron Wills at right rush end. Playing in every game, Toline had nine tackles (five solo), including a season-best two vs. Washington and Iowa State. He was also a member of the Husker punt return and kickoff return teams. In 1997, Toline backed up Lombardi Award winner Grant Wistrom at right rush end and was also a member of Husker special teams. Playing in 12 games plus the Orange Bowl, Toline had seven tackles (two solo), three tackles for six yards lost and one quarterback hurry. He had a season-best three tackles vs. Baylor. His tackles for loss were against Akron, Kansas and Oklahoma. In 1996, Toline played in all 12 games on the kickoff team and as a backup on the left side behind All-American Jared Tomich and sophomore Chad Kelsay. Toline had 15 tackles, including six solo stops. He had two quarterback hurries and a tackle for two yards lost vs. Kansas, when he had a career-best six stops (two solo). Toline played in four games as a reserve in 1995, recording three tackles, including one tackle for loss. For more on Toline, see page 143 of the 1998 NU Football Media Guide.

Travis Toline's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1994--Redshirted												
1995	4/0	1	2	3	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	12/0	6	9	15	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	11/0	2	5	7	3-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
1998	12/0	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**39/0**	**14**	**20**	**34**	**4-8**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida: Tackles none
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Tackles none
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles none

#83 Kyle Vanden Bosch

Rush End

6-4, 260, So.
Letters: Two
Larchwood, Iowa
(West Lyon Community)

- **1998 First-Team Academic All-Big 12**

After playing as a true freshman in 1997, Kyle Vanden Bosch stepped it up and played like a veteran in 1998, backing up senior Chad Kelsay at left rush end. Vanden Bosch had the most tackles of any non-starter on the team with 28 (10 solo). He had four tackles for 36 yards lost, including two sacks, rushed opposing quarterbacks three times and forced two fumbles. He had a season-best four tackles against Kansas and recorded big sacks against Louisiana Tech (13 yards) and at California (team-best 16-yards lost). His other tackles for loss were against Louisiana Tech and Washington. Vanden Bosch was also a valuable member of Husker special teams, including kickoff coverage, punt return, kickoff return and punt coverage teams. He had two tackles against Kansas State, but both were big causing two fumbles. On the second one, Vanden Bosch caused KSU's Frank Murphy to fumble and NU's Ralph Brown scored on a 74-yard fumble return to tie the score at 24-all with 1:05 remaining in the third quarter. Boasting a 3.543 cumulative grade-point average, Vanden Bosch

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Sophomore rush end Kyle Vanden Bosch led all reserves with 28 tackles in 1998, including four for losses and two fumbles caused.

(Kyle Vanden Bosch continued)

earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors this season. In 1997, Vanden Bosch played in every game as a true freshman and totaled 21 tackles (nine solo). He had two tackles for loss, including a 4-yard sack against Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship game. Vanden Bosch had a career-high five tackles against the Iowa State Cyclones and a best of three solo stops (four total) vs. Baylor. He had one fumble recovery, one forced fumble and four quarterback hurries. Vanden Bosch was also a valuable contributor on Husker special teams. He was an All-American as a prepster playing outside linebacker and fullback for West Lyon Community High School in Iowa. For more information on Vanden Bosch, please see page 14 of the 1998 Nebraska Media Guide.

Kyle Vanden Bosch's Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1997	12/0	9	12	21	2-6	1-4	1-1	0	0	0	4	0
1998	12/0	10	18	28	4-36	2-29	2-0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	**24/0**	**19**	**30**	**49**	**6-42**	**3-33**	**3-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**

1998 Orange Bowl vs Tennessee: Tackles 1UT, 0AT, 1TT

#42 Troy Watchorn

Rover
5-11, 195, So.
Letters: One
Columbus, Neb.

Troy Watchorn saw action in nine games in 1998 as the Huskers' No. 3 rover behind Mike Brown and Joe Walker. Most of his playing time came as a member of Husker special teams. Watchorn totaled three tackles on the season, including a career-best two vs. Iowa State (both assists). Watchorn played in one game in 1997, after redshirting in 1996. He is from Columbus, Neb., where he was a high school teammate of several other walk-on Huskers.

#81 Aaron Wills

Right Rush End
6-2, 240, Jr.
Letters: Three
Omaha, Neb.
(Burke)

Junior rush end Aaron Wills played a valuable role this season as the backup on the right side to Mike Rucker. Playing in 11 games (all but Kansas State), Wills had 10 tackles, including five solo stops. He had a career-best three tackles against Louisiana Tech and two vs. Washington and Kansas. Wills moved from tight end to rush end before spring ball in 1997. He played in five of the first six games last year, then sat out the rest of the season. He had four tackles with one solo stop in four different games. Wills played in 10 games as a reserve tight end in 1996 after redshirting in 1995, and caught one 19-yard pass vs. Kansas. Wills was a first-team all-state defensive lineman at Omaha Burke High School in 1994. Aaron and his brother Colin (freshman rush end who is redshirting) are one of three brother combinations on the 1998 squad. For more on Wills, please see page 147 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Aaron Wills' Career Statistics

Defense		(-------Tackles------)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
1995--Redshirted												
1996	10/0--Played on offense (tight end)											
1997	5/0	1	3	4	1-8	1-8	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
1998	11/0	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	**26/0**	**6**	**8**	**14**	**1-8**	**1-8**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**

Receptions: 1-19 vs. Kansas, 1996
1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech: Receptions none
1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee: Did not play

#87 Tracey Wistrom

Tight End
6-4, 215, Fr.
Letters: One
Webb City, Mo.

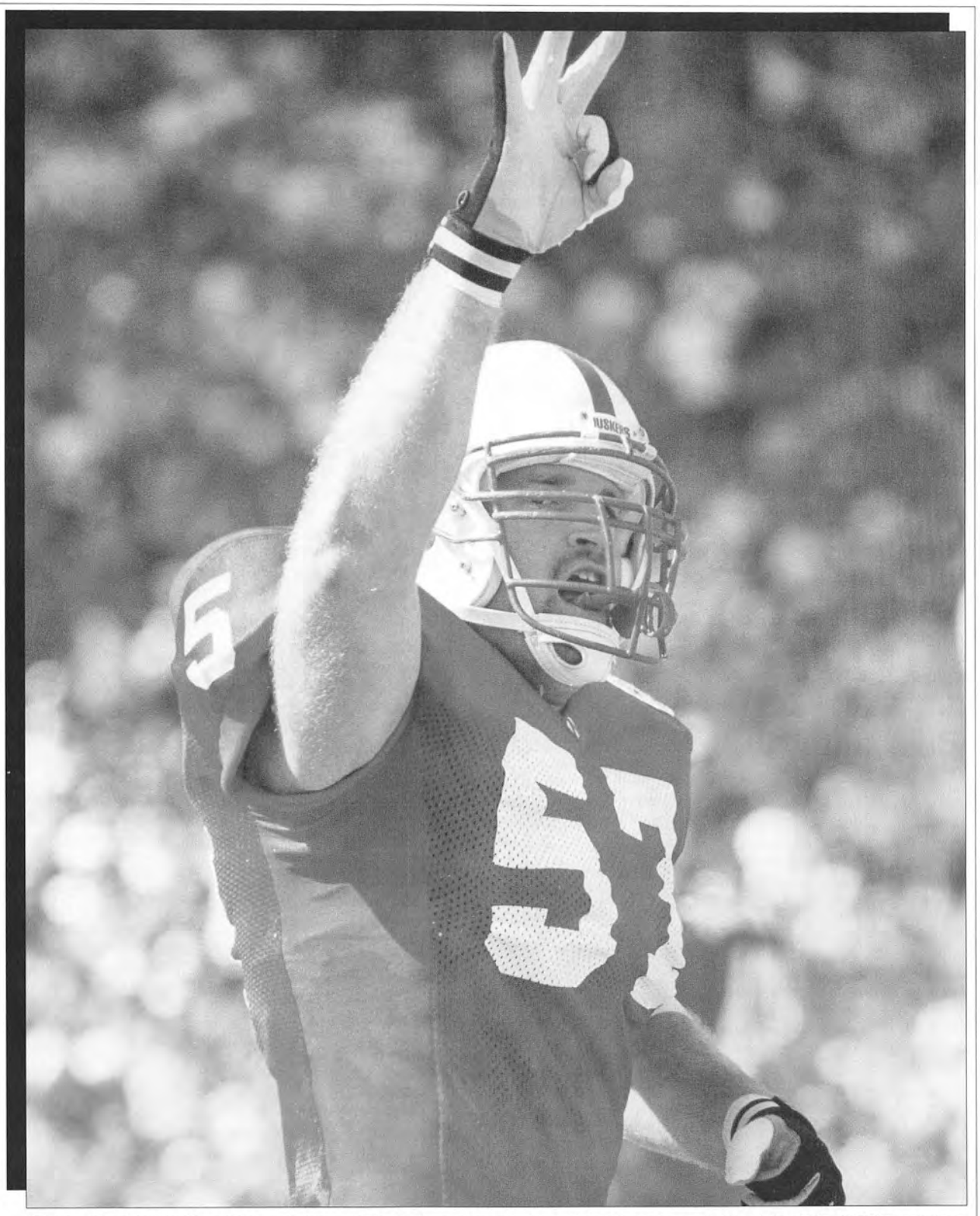
Sophomore Tracey Wistrom served as the Huskers' No. 3 tight end behind starters Sheldon Jackson and T.J. DeBates. His playing time increased and he started one (Iowa State) of two games (ISU and Kansas State) that DeBates missed with a knee injury. After taking a redshirt year in 1997 to increase his weight and strength, Wistrom showed he was a go-to guy for big plays. He had two catches on the season, a 63-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Monte Christo against UAB and a 21-yard grab from Bobby Newcombe against Kansas. The 63-yarder was a team best and career best for both Wistrom and Christo and gave the Huskers the final 38-7 margin over the Blazers. Wistrom was an All-America tight end and outside linebacker for Webb City in 1996. His older brother, Grant, was a four-year letterman and two-time All-American for the Huskers, winning the 1997 Lombardi Award as a rush end. He now plays for the St. Louis Rams. For more information on Tracey Wistrom, please see page 147 of the 1998 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

#20 Wes Woodward

Left Cornerback
5-8, 185, Fr.
Letters: One
Omaha, Neb.
(Burke)

◆ **1998 Honorable-Mention Academic All-Big 12**

Wes Woodward saw action in every game except the season opener vs. Louisiana Tech and the last game of the season against Colorado for the Huskers as a member of the kickoff coverage team. He was also a backup cornerback. On the season, Woodward had three tackles, one each vs. Washington, Oklahoma State and Kansas State. With a 3.161 grade-point average over the last year in construction management, Woodward earned honorable-mention academic All-Big 12 honors. A walk-on athlete, Woodward redshirted in 1997.



Senior Rush End Chad Kelsay led the Huskers in tackles for loss (14-52) and quarterback hurries (13) in earning second-team All-Big 12 and first-team Academic All-America honors.

'98 in Review

1998 Game-by-Game Wrapup

Game 1
Nebraska 56
La. Tech 27

Lincoln, Neb.
Aug. 29, 1998

Lincoln -- It was a new look, but an old result as the Frank Solich era began with a 56-27 victory over Louisiana Tech in the Genuine Nebraska Eddie Robinson Classic. Solich was an assistant for 19 seasons until replacing Hall of Fame Coach Tom Osborne following last season. The Huskers, ranked fourth and third in the preseason polls (AP/Coaches), scored on all six of their first half possesions en route to a 35-6 halftime lead. Sophomore quarterback Bobby Newcombe completed nine-of-10 passes on the day for 168 yards, including a 46-yard scoring pass to tight end Sheldon Jackson to give the Huskers a 7-0 lead. NU increased the lead to 14-0 as Newcombe scored from one yard out. The sophomore from Albuquerque, N.M., rushed for a pair of scores in his starting debut before suffering a torn PCL in his left knee late in the third quarter. After Louisiana Tech cut the lead to 21-6, Joe Walker took the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for his second career touchdown to increase the NU lead to 28-6. Newcombe closed out the first-half scoring with a one-yard run to give NU a 35-6 halftime lead. The Bulldogs, behind the explosive combination of quarterback Tim Rattay and wide receiver Troy Edwards, closed the Husker lead to 35-21. Edwards set an NCAA record with 405 yards on 21 catches, while Rattay completed 46 of 68 passes for 590 yards. Sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter rushed for a career-high 143 yards and two scores, including a 43-yard jaunt for the final score.

Tight end Sheldon Jackson had two catches for 94 yards, including this 48-yard touchdown reception.

Scoring Summary

Louisiana Tech	0	6	15	6	--27
Nebraska	14	21	7	14	--56

First Quarter

NU-Sheldon Jackson 46 pass from Bobby Newcombe (Kris Brown kick), 14:12.

NU-Newcombe 1 run (Brown kick), 5:49.

Second Quarter

NU-Willie Miller 8 run (Brown kick), 13:05.

LT-Sean Cangelosi 1 pass from Tim Rattay (kick failed), 7:14.

NU-Joe Walker 99 kickoff return (Brown kick), 6:57.

NU-Newcombe 1 run (Brown kick), 2:41.

Third Quarter

LT-Troy Edwards 52 pass from Rattay (Cangelosi pass from Rattay), 12:58.

LT-Edwards 94 pass from Rattay (Kevin Pond kick), 7:06.

NU-Dan Alexander 4 run (Brown kick), 2:59.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Correll Buckhalter 4 run (Brown kick), 13:02.

LT-Edwards 80 pass from Rattay (kick failed), 12:45.

NU-Buckhalter 43 run (Brown kick), 1:24.

Team Statistics	LT	NU
First downs	25	29
Rushing att.-yards	14-(-21)	56-289
Passes	68-46-1	13-10-0
Passing yards	590	173
Total att.-yards	82-569	69-462
Returns-yards	0-0	2-37
Sacks by	1-6	3-26
Punts-average	3-36.7	2-39.5
Fumbles-lost	3-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	12-88	5-49
Time of poss.	27:56	32:04

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

LT: Kevin Johnson 2-9-0.

NU: Correll Buckhalter 19-143-2; Joel Makovicka 10-47-0; Dan Alexander 8-24-1; Willie Miller 3-24-1.

Passing:

LT: Tim Rattay 68-46-1, 590, 4 TD.

NU: Bobby Newcombe 10-9-0, 168, 1 TD.

Receiving:

LT: Troy Edwards 21-405-3; James Jordan 8-45-0; Sean Cangelosi 5-57-1.

NU: Kenny Cheatham 3-19-0; Sheldon Jackson 2-94-1; Matt Davison 2-21-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions:

LT: None.

NU: Jason Wiltz 1-27-0.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

LT: Damon Harrington 6-9-15; Larry Wright 4-7-11; six with six tackles.

NU: Eric Johnson 3-6-9; Mike Brown 4-4-8; Ralph Brown 6-1-7; Erwin Swiney 5-2-7.

Sacks:

LT: Desmond Nunnery 1-6.

NU: Kyle Vanden Bosch 1-13; Chad Kelsay 1-10; Loran Kaiser 1-3.

Game 2
Nebraska 38
UAB 7

Lincoln, Neb.
Sept. 5, 1998

Lincoln -- For the second time in two weeks, a Husker quarterback starting his first collegiate game led Nebraska to victory. Redshirt freshman Eric Crouch ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as No. 4/3 (AP/Coaches) Nebraska defeated UAB, 38-7, on Sept.5. Crouch completed 11-of-17 passes for 127 yards and rushed for 69 yards and two TDs in his first career start, replacing the injured Bobby Newcombe, one of five Husker starters who were forced to miss the contest because of injury. The Huskers took a 14-0 lead on a three-yard run by fullback Joel Makovicka and Crouch connected with tight end Sheldon Jackson for a 15-yard strike on fourth-and-one early in the second quarter. UAB refused to back down, cutting the NU lead to 14-7 on a two-yard run by Ortavious Miles with 3:45 remaining in the half. The Huskers responded in the waning minutes of the first half, as Crouch engineered a 12-play, 70-yard drive, capped by Crouch's 11-yard score with nine seconds remaining to give NU a 21-7 halftime lead. The Blazers drove to the Husker 11-yard line midway through the third quarter before the Blackshirts stiffened. Rush end Chad Kelsay stopped UAB quarterback Daniel Dixon for a four-yard loss before the Blazers committed three consecutive penalties to push themselves out of field goal range, ending any serious upset bid. The Huskers extended their lead to 24-7 on a 27-yard field goal by senior place-kicker Kris Brown. Brown's field goal broke the school record for most points with 313, bettering the previous best of 312 by Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, set from 1981-83. The Huskers added a pair of fourth-quarter scores, a career-long 59-yard run by Crouch and a 63-yard pass from senior quarterback Monte Christo to freshman Tracey Wistrom with 2:19 remaining.

Scoring Summary

UAB	0	7	0	0	--7
Nebraska	7	14	0	17	--38

First Quarter

NU-Joel Makovicka 3 run (Kris Brown kick), 4:37.

Second Quarter

NU-Sheldon Jackson 15 pass from Eric Crouch (Brown kick), 11:27

UAB-Octavious Miles 2 run (Jake Arians kick), 3:45.

NU-Crouch 11 run (Brown kick), :09.

Third Quarter

No Scoring

Fourth Quarter

NU-Brown 27 field goal, 10:13.

NU-Crouch 59 run (Brown kick), 5:47.

NU-Tracey Wistrom 63 pass from Monte Christo (Brown kick), 2:19.

Team Statistics	UAB	NU
First downs	16	22
Rushing att.-yards	46-154	43-236
Passes	18-8-0	21-15-0
Passing yards	56	208
Total att.-yards	64-210	64-444
Returns-yards	1-12	3-51
Sacks by	0	3-19
Punts-average	7-39.1	3-47.7
Fumbles-lost	4-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	11-81	8-68
Time of poss.	33:59	26:01

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

UAB: Daniel Dixon 16-50-0; Octavious Miles 8-33-1; Bernard Anderson 7-30-0.

NU: Correll Buckhalter 19-96-0; Eric Crouch 7-69-2; Joel Makovicka 8-27-1.

Passing:

UAB: Dixon 15-8-0, 56.

NU: Crouch 17-11-0, 127, 1 TD; Monte Christo 4-4-0, 81, 1 TD.

Receiving:

UAB: Quentin Troupe 2-20-0; Anderson 1-15-0.

NU: Kenny Cheatham 4-37-0; Sheldon Jackson 3-33-1; Buckhalter 3-18-0; Wistrom 1-63-1.

Missed field goals: None

Interceptions: None

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

UAB: Wes Foss 8-2-10; Kris Neal 6-1-7; Shannon Monroe 4-3-7.

NU: Brian Shaw 4-6-10; Mike Brown 5-3-8; Loran Kaiser 2-5-7; Jay Foreman 3-3-6; Chad Kelsay 3-3-6.

Sacks:

UAB: None.

NU: Julius Jackson 1-9; Loran Kaiser 1-4; Jay Foreman .5-3; Jeremy Slechta .5-3.

Senior place-kicker Kris Brown broke the school record for career points in the win over UAB.

Game 3
Nebraska 24
California 3

Berkeley, Calif.
Sept. 12, 1998

Berkeley, Calif.--Behind steady quarterback performances by Eric Crouch and Monte Christo and a stingy defensive performance from the Husker Blackshirts, Nebraska improved to 3-0 on the season with a 24-3 victory over California in Berkeley. Crouch, who earned his second straight starting assignment replacing an injured Bobby Newcombe, led the Huskers on an seven-play, 67-yard drive, capped by a one-yard run by the Husker QB to give NU a 7-0 advantage just 2:52 into the contest. Nebraska extended the lead to 14-0 midway through the second quarter after driving 64 yards on five plays, highlighted by a Makovicka 23-yard run and a Crouch keeper for 30 yards before the redshirt freshman scored two plays later to the delight of the more than 35,000 red-clad fans in attendance. Crouch rushed for 59 yards on 16 carries, and completed 6-of-16 passes for 74 yards before leaving the contest with a hamstring injury. Christo came in for Crouch and played the entire second half, completing 9-of-12 passes for 106 yards, including a five-yard touchdown pass to wingback Shevin Wiggins to cap a nine-play, 70-yard drive. Wiggins caught a career-high seven receptions for 97 yards. Senior fullback Joel Makovicka rushed 13 times for 77 yards, while I-back Correll Buckhalter had 12 carries for 71 yards in the win. Defensively, the Blackshirts held California to just 12 yards rushing and kept the Golden Bears out of the end zone. The Huskers recorded five sacks, including a pair by Eric Johnson, while linebacker Jay Foreman led NU with seven tackles.

Linebacker Jay Foreman had a team-high seven stops in the Huskers 24-3 win at California.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska	7	7	0	10	--24
California	0	0	3	0	--3

First Quarter

NU-Eric Crouch 1 run (Kris Brown kick), 12:08.

Second Quarter

NU-Crouch 3 run (Brown kick), 9:55.

Third Quarter

Cal-Timi Wolleck 38 field goal, 6:42.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Shevin Wiggins 5 pass from Monte Christo (Brown kick), 3:54.

NU-Brown 41 field goal, :19.

Team Statistics	NU	Cal
First downs	24	9
Rushing att.-yards	60-254	25-12
Passes	28-15-1	32-14-2
Passing yards	180	224
Total att.-yards	88-434	57-236
Returns-yards	6-40	5-48
Sacks by	6-36	3-21
Punts-average	7-41.9	9-38.2
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-29	9-53
Time of poss.	35:42	24:18

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

NU: Joel Makovicka 13-77-0; Correll Buckhalter 12-71-0; Eric Crouch 16-59-2; Monte Christo 13-32-0.

Cal: Marcus Fields 9-29-0; Joshua White 7-16-0.

Passing:

NU: Crouch 16-6-1, 74; Christo 12-9-0, 106, 1 TD.

Cal: Justin Vedder 32-14-2, 224.

Receiving:

NU: Shevin Wiggins 7-97-1; Matt Davison 6-55-0; Sheldon Jackson 1-31-0.

Cal: Damaene Douglas 5-124-0; White 4-15-0; A.J. Kunkle 3-51-0.

Missed field goals:

NU: Kris Brown, 40.

Cal: Ignacio Brache, 36.

Interceptions:

Cal: Deltha O'Neal 1-0.

NU: Carlos Polk 1-16; Mike Brown 1-1.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

NU: Jay Foreman 5-2-7; Eric Johnson 4-2-6; Mike Brown 2-4-6; Chad Kelsay 4-1-5; Loran Kaiser 1-4-5.

Cal: Peter Destefano 8-6-14; Albert Dorsey 8-14-12; Sekou Sanyika 10-1-11.

Sacks:

NU: Johnson 2-10; Kyle Vanden Bosch 1-16; Kaiser 1.5-4; Tony Ortiz 1-3; Kelsay .5-3.

Cal: Jerry Deloach 1-12; Andre Carter 1-6; Albert Dorsey 1-3.

Game 4
Nebraska 55
Washington 7

Lincoln, Neb.
Sept. 26, 1998

Lincoln -- In an early-season clash between top 10 teams, the Huskers celebrated the return of I-back DeAngelo Evans and quarterback Bobby Newcombe with a 55-7 rout over Nos. 9/8 Washington. Evans, who had not played since the 1996 Big 12 Championship Game, rushed for 146 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries. The sophomore from Wichita, Kan., scored on runs of 60, 14 and 19 yards, all in the first half, as the Huskers scored the first 21 points and led 35-7 at halftime. Newcombe, seeing his first action since the opener, drove Nebraska to a score on its opening drive, a 12-play, 82-yard march, culminating in Newcombe's three-yard run to give the Huskers a 7-0 lead just 4:23 into the contest. After forcing a punt on Washington's next possession, Evans broke free on a 60-yard score to give NU a 14-0 lead. The Husker defense capitalized on the first of six Husky turnovers as Jason Wiltz intercepted a Brock Haurd pass and returned it to the Washington 22-yard line. Two plays later, Evans scored from 14 yards as the Huskers extended their lead to 21-0. Washington was driving deep into NU territory before linebacker Jay Foreman forced a fumble at the Husky 3-yard line. Seven plays later, Evans gave Nebraska a 28-0 lead with a 19-yard run four minutes into the second quarter. On the day, the Blackshirts turned the six Washington turnovers into 34 Nebraska points. Rush End Chad Kelsay led the defensive charge, recording three tackles, a sack and an interception to earn Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Newcombe, who finished with 79 yards and three TDs, and completed five-of-eight passes for 84 yards, scored on a pair of two-yard touchdown runs before sophomore fullback Willie Miller closed out the scoring with a 1-yard run in the final seconds of the third quarter. The 48-point margin of victory was the largest in school history over an AP Top 10 team.

Scoring Summary

Washington	0	7	0	0	--7
Nebraska	21	14	20	0	--55

First Quarter

NU-Bobby Newcombe 3 run (Kris Brown kick), 10:37.

NU-DeAngelo Evans 60 run (Brown kick), 8:46.

NU-Evans 14 run (Brown kick), 2:55.

In his first game since 1996, I-back DeAngelo Evans rushed for 146 yards and three touchdowns in NU's 55-7 rout of Washington.

Second Quarter

NU-Evans 19 run (Brown kick), 10:59.

NU-Correll Buckhalter 3 run (Brown kick), 5:12.

UW-Joe Jarzynka 6 pass from Brock Huard (Jim Skurski kick), 1:07.

Third Quarter

NU-Newcombe 2 run (Brown kick), 12:42.

NU-Newcombe 2 run (Brown kick), 5:58.

NU-Willie Miller 1 run (kick blocked), :06.

Fourth Quarter

No Scoring

Team Statistics	UW	NU
First downs	16	29
Rushing att.-yards	31-97	68-434
Passes	41-20-3	9-6-0
Passing yards	176	93
Total att.-yards	72-273	77-527
Returns-yards	1-10	6-45
Sacks by	0	3-17
Punts-average	7-42.4	3-38.7
Fumbles-lost	3-3	2-2
Penalties-yards	12-114	7-59
Time of poss.	29:15	30:45

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

UW: Willie Hurst 10-36-0; Maurice Shaw 7-25-0.

NU: DeAngelo Evans 13-146-3; Bobby Newcombe 14-79-3; Joel Makovicka 11-65-0; Willie Miller 9-48-1; Correll Buckhalter 4-27-1.

Passing:

UW: Brock Huard 32-18-2, 160, 1 TD.

NU: Newcombe 8-5-0, 84.

Receiving:

UW: Dane Looker 7-77-0; Gerald Harris 3-24-0; Andre DeSaussure 2-36-0; Joe Jarzynka 2-12-1.

NU: Shevin Wiggins 2-45-0; Sheldon Jackson 1-18-0; Matt Davison 1-12-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions:

UW: None.

NU: Jason Wiltz 1-5; Joe Walker 1-0; Chad Kelsay 1-0.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

UW: Hakim Akbar 3-7-10; Jabari Issa 4-4-8; Todd Johnson 3-5-8.

NU: Eric Johnson 4-1-5; Ralph Brown 3-2-5; Jay Foreman 1-4-5; five with four.

Sacks:

UW: None.

NU: Kelsay 1-7; Johnson 1-5; Loran Kaiser 1-5.

Game 5
Nebraska 24
Oklahoma St. 17

Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 3, 1998

Kansas City, Mo. -- No. 2 Nebraska used a fourth-quarter touchdown return by Joe Walker and a decisive goal-line stand in the final moments to hold off an upset-minded Oklahoma State squad, 24-17, in Kansas City, Mo. (Arrowhead Stadium). Walker's 73-yard punt return with 7:37 remaining broke a 17-17 tie as the Huskers extended their winning streak to 19 games in the Big 12 opener. The Cowboys had a chance to send the game into overtime, driving to the NU 1 before Mike Rucker, who finished with a career-high 11 tackles, stopped OSU's Nathan Simmons inches away from the end zone with five seconds remaining to preserve the win. After a scoreless first quarter, OSU scored first on a Tim Sydnes 37-yard field goal before senior Kris Brown answered back with a season-long 48-yard field goal with 1:06 remaining. The Huskers broke the halftime deadlock marching 76 yards on seven plays before quarterback Bobby Newcombe scored from six yards to give the Huskers a 10-3 lead. The key play in the drive was a 40-yard pass from Newcombe to Sheldon Jackson to the OSU 12-yard line. Nebraska increased its lead to 17-3 on its next possession, using a 30-yard pass play from reserve quarterback Eric Crouch to Jackson to set up a DeAngelo Evans 1-yard touchdown run. The Huskers stuggled offensively, managing just 73 yards rushing, the lowest regular-season total since November, 1975. The Huskers had a golden opportunity to put the game out of reach when defensive tackle Jason Wiltz intercepted an OSU pass, but it was nullified by a penalty. The play was costly as the Cowboys scored on a Jamaal Fobbs 3-yard run five plays later to cut the margin to 17-10. Oklahoma State tied the score at 17 on a 67-yard TD pass from Tony Lindsay to Ethan Howell setting the stage for Walker's game-winning punt return with 7:29 remaining. Sophomore cornerback Erwin Swiney and junior linebacker Tony Ortiz topped the Huskers with 14 tackles each. In all, six NU players had 10 or more tackles.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska	0	3	14	7	--24
Oklahoma State	0	3	7	7	--17

First Quarter

No Scoring

Second Quarter

OSU-Tim Sydnes 37 field goal, 14:14.

NU-Kris Brown 48 field goal, 1:06.

Third Quarter

NU-Bobby Newcombe 6 run (Brown kick), 11:52.

NU-DeAngelo Evans 1 run (Brown kick), 7:43.

OSU-Jamaal Fobbs 3 run (Sydnes kick), 2:13.

Fourth Quarter

OSU-Ethan Howell 67 pass from Tony Lindsay (Sydnes kick), 12:08.

NU-Joe Walker 73 punt return (K. Brown kick), 7:29.

Team Statistics	NU	OSU
First downs	12	19
Rushing att.-yards	36-73	55-175
Passes	16-10-0	24-11-0
Passing yards	142	180
Total att.-yards	52-215	79-355
Returns-yards	6-106	3-20
Sacks by	1-11	3-23
Punts-average	8-42.9	8-41.9
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-yards	1-15	10-59
Time of poss.	24:50	35:10

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

NU: DeAngelo Evans 15-41-1; Bobby Newcombe 13-22-1.

OSU: Nathan Simmons 26-114-0; Jamaal Fobbs 12-55-1.

Passing:

NU: Newcombe 15-9-0, 112.

OSU: Tony Lindsay 23-10-0, 158, 1 TD.

Receiving:

NU: Kenny Cheatham 3-32-0; Matt Davison 3-31-0; Sheldon Jackson 2-70-0.

OSU: Ethan Howell 2-72-1; Sean Love 2-36-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions: None.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

NU: Erwin Swiney 5-9-14; Tony Ortiz 5-9-14; Jay Foreman 5-8-13; Mike Brown 1-11-12; Mike Rucker 4-7-11; Chad Kelsay 3-7-10.

OSU: Kenyatta Wright 4-6-10; Trent Alexander 7-2-9; Raymond Cato 6-3-9; Ricky Thompson 5-2-7.

Sacks:

NU: Swiney 1-11.

OSU: Cortney Mallory 2-22; Raymond Cato 1-10; Tabe LeBlanc 1-1.

Cornerback Erwin Swiney had a career-high 14 tackles in NU's 24-17 victory over Oklahoma State.

Game 6
Texas A&M 28
Nebraska 21

College Station, Texas
Oct. 10, 1998

College Station, Texas -- For the second straight week, Nebraska fans were treated to a full 60 minutes of excitement, but the second-ranked Huskers fell to No. 18 Texas A&M, 28-21, in College Station, Texas. The Aggies avenged a 54-15 setback to the Huskers in the 1997 Big 12 Championship Game and ended the Huskers' 19-game winning streak and 40-game regular-season conference winning streak dating back to 1992. The conference winning streak was the second longest in Division 1 history. A&M struck first for an early score as Randy McCown hit Chris Taylor for an 81-yard touchdown pass to give the Aggies a 7-0 lead. Midway through the second quarter, the Huskers tied the score as Correll Buckhalter scored on a 7-yard run to cap an eight-play, 48-yard drive. A&M added another score late in the second quarter as Dante Hall scored from one yard out to give A&M a 14-7 lead. On the Huskers' first possession of the second half, the Aggies sacked Nebraska QB Bobby Newcombe on three consecutive plays. The final one forced a fumble that the Aggies recovered in the end zone to take a 21-7 lead. Texas A&M added to its lead on the first play of the fourth quarter as Ja'Mar Toombs scored on a 3-yard run to give the Aggies a seemingly insurmountable 28-7 lead. Behind the combination of Newcombe and sophomore split end Matt Davison, the Huskers began to mount a comeback. Newcombe, who completed 15-of-27 passes for a career-best 204 yards on the day, guided the Huskers to a pair of scores, while Davison had 112 of his school-record 167 receiving yards in the fourth quarter as Nebraska closed to within 28-21 on an 11-yard run by Newcombe and a nine-yard score by fullback Joel Makovicka with 4:39 remaining. After forcing the Aggies to punt, the Huskers drove to the NU 40-yard line before Newcombe was picked off by Sedrick Curry to end Nebraska's comeback bid. Defensively, rush end Chad Kelsay had a career-high 11 stops, while linebacker Jay Foreman added nine tackles in a losing effort. The Huskers held A&M to just 2-of-8 passing, but allowed a season-high 259 rushing yards to the Aggies, the most by a Husker opponent since 1993.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska	0	7	0	14	--21
Texas A&M	7	7	7	7	--28

First Quarter

A&M-Chris Taylor 81 pass from Randy McCown (Russell Bynum kick), 7:05.

Matt Davison hauled in 10 passes for a school-record 167 yards in the Huskers' 28-21 loss to Texas A&M.

Second Quarter

NU-Correll Buckhalter 7 run (Kris Brown kick), 8:35.

A&M-Dante Hall 1 run (Bynum kick), 3:37.

Third Quarter

A&M-Warrick Holdman fumble recovery in end zone (Bynum kick), 9:13.

A&M-Ja'Mar Toombs 3 run (Bynum kick), 14:57.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Bobby Newcombe 11 run (Brown kick), 8:08.

NU-Joel Makovicka 9 run (Brown kick), 4:39.

Team Statistics	NU	A&M
First downs	17	12
Rushing att.-yards	44-141	57-259
Passes	27-15-1	8-2-1
Passing yards	204	93
Total att.-yards	71-345	65-352
Returns-yards	6-93	6-40
Sacks by	2-11	4-26
Punts-average	6-46.7	8-45.3
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-yards	5-67	8-60
Time of poss.	28:39	31:21

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

NU: Bobby Newcombe 23-56-1; Joel Makovicka 8-51-1; DeAngelo Evans 10-31-0; Correll Buckhalter 2-7-1.

A&M: Dante Hall 32-113-1; Ja'Mar Toombs 10-110-1; Randy McCown 12-26-0.

Passing:

NU: Newcombe 27-15-1, 204.

A&M: McCown 8-2-1, 93, 1 TD.

Receiving:

NU: Matt Davison 10-167-0; Billy Haafke 3-23-0.

A&M: Chris Taylor 1-81-1; Chris Cole 1-12-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions:

NU: Ralph Brown 1-43.

A&M: Sedrick Curry 1-9.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

NU: Chad Kelsay 5-6-11; Jay Foreman 2-7-9; Loran Kaiser 4-4-8.

A&M: Jason Webster 4-7-11; Roylan Bradley 4-5-9; Cornelius Anthony 2-7-9.

Sacks:

NU: Julius Jackson 1-10; Erwin Swiney 1-1.

A&M: Ron Edwards 1-12; Bradley 1-5; Anthony 1-5; Warrick Holdman 1-4.

Game 7
Nebraska 41
Kansas 0

Lincoln, Neb.
Oct. 17, 1998

Lincoln -- The Nebraska ground attack, held to below 200 yards in the previous two contests, rushed for a season-high 466 yards as the Huskers rebounded from their loss to Texas A&M to shut out Kansas, 41-0, on Homecoming. The shutout was NU's first since back-to-back shutouts against Texas Tech and Kansas during the 1997 season and its third straight on Homecoming. The Huskers held the Jayhawks to just 220 yards of total offense and 99 yards rushing. Nebraska opened the scoring on its first possession as sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter's 32-yard touchdown run capped a six-play, 47-yard drive to give the Huskers a 7-0 lead four minutes into the game. NU extended the lead to 10-0 on a 27-yard field goal by Kris Brown. In the closing seconds of the first half, the Huskers drove to the Kansas 1-yard line, where they faced a fourth-and-goal. NU quarterback Bobby Newcombe fumbled the snap and was stopped, but the Jayhawks were offsides, giving the Huskers a second chance. Newcombe made the most of the opportunity, sneaking in from the 1 to put the Nebraska ahead 17-0 at halftime. Buckhalter and the Huskers broke the game open with a pair of third-quarter touchdowns. The sophomore from Collins, Miss., scored on runs of six and three yards, as he finished with 133 yards in place of the injured DeAngelo Evans. Brown added a 28-yard field goal, while reserve fullback Billy Legate scored from six yards out for the final score.

Scoring Summary

Kansas	0	0	0	0	--0
Nebraska	10	7	14	10	--41

First Quarter

NU-Correll Buckhalter 32 run (Kris Brown kick), 10:45.

NU-Brown 27 field goal, 4:00.

Second Quarter

NU-Bobby Newcombe 1 run (Brown kick), :13.

Third Quarter

NU-Buckhalter 6 run (Brown kick), 10:51.

NU-Buckhalter 3 run (Brown kick), 3:58.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Brown 28 field goal, 13:09.

NU-Billy Legate 6 run (Brown kick), 6:53.

Team Statistics	KU	NU
First downs	11	28
Rushing att.-yards	31-99	79-466
Passes	25-8-1	9-5-0
Passing yards	121	79
Total att.-yards	56-220	88-545
Returns-yards	1-4	7-69
Sacks by	0	0
Punts-average	7-37.1	2-42.5
Fumbles-lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties-yards	3-15	9-69
Time of poss.	20:13	39:47

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

KU: David Winbush 14-39-0; Mitch Bowles 3-21-0.

NU: Correll Buckhalter 18-133-3; Dan Alexander 15-90-0; Monte Christo 7-62-0; Joel Makovicka 11-61-0; Bobby Newcombe 12-26-1; Billy Legate 3-23-1.

Passing:

KU: Zac Wegner 25-8-1, 121.

NU: Bobby Newcombe 8-5-0, 79.

Receiving:

KU: Michael Chandler 3-52-0; Mitch Bowles 1-26-0.

NU: Matt Davison 2-30-0; Joel Makovicka 1-25-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions:

KU: None.

NU: Joe Walker 1-0.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

KU: Michael Allen 5-11-16; Patrick Brown 8-5-13; Marcus Rogers 5-7-12; Jamie Harris 4-7-11.

NU: Eric Johnson 3-4-7; Keyou Craver 3-2-5; Kyle Vanden Bosch 1-3-4; Clint Finley 1-3-4.

Sacks: None.

Sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter rushed for 133 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in Nebraska's 41-0 victory over Kansas.

Game 8
Nebraska 20
Missouri 13

Lincoln, Neb.
Oct. 24, 1998

Lincoln -- Senior walk-on quarterback Monte Christo rallied No. 7 Nebraska from a 10-point second-half deficit as the Huskers upended No. 19/18 Missouri, 20-13, in a rematch of last season's classic. Christo, replacing an injured Bobby Newcombe, rushed for a career-high 67 yards on 20 carries and scored on runs of one and three yards as the Huskers trailed 13-3 at halftime before regrouping. While Christo ignited the offense, the Blackshirts turned in their best performance of the season, holding the Tigers to just 166 total yards and 10 first downs. Butkus Award semifinalist Jay Foreman posted a career-high 13 tackles and a sack while linebacker Eric Johnson's 10-yard sack of Corby Jones, one of four NU sacks on the day, on the final play of regulation ended any thoughts of overtime. Kris Brown's first-quarter 38-yard field goal gave the Huskers a 3-0 lead. In the second quarter, the Tigers capitalized as Steve Erickson returned a Husker fumble 41 yards to give the Tigers a 6-3 lead. On NU's next possession, the Huskers drove for a game-tying field goal, but the kick was blocked by MU's Jeff Marriott and returned to the Nebraska 25. Missouri drove to the NU 1 on first and goal, but Foreman and the Blackshirts stood firm, forcing the Tigers to run four plays before scoring on fourth down. Trailing 13-3, the Huskers got a spark on special teams by wingback Shevin Wiggins, who had a career-long 53-yard punt return to the Missouri 14. Christo scored from one yard out six plays later. On the Huskers' next possession, Christo guided the Huskers on an eight-play, 49-yard scoring drive, finishing the drive with a 3-yard run to give the Huskers the final 20-13 lead. Offensively, sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter rushed for his third 100-yard game of the season with 125 yards on a career-high 25 carries. While the offense was regaining the lead, the defense continued to shut down the potent Tiger offense. Missouri tailback Devin West, the nation's No. 2 rusher, was held to 72 yards, 120 yards below his average, as the MU ground attack mustered just 77 yards.

Scoring Summary

Missouri	0	13	0	0	--13
Nebraska	3	3	7	7	--20

First Quarter

NU-Kris Brown 38 field goal, 7:23.

Second Quarter

MU-Steve Erickson 41 fumble recovery return (kick failed), 12:07.

MU-Corby Jones 1 run (Brian Long kick), 3:52.

NU-Brown 30 field goal, :00.

Third Quarter

NU-Monte Christo 1 run (Brown kick), 1:32.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Christo 3 run (Brown kick), 10:27.

Team Statistics	MU	NU
First downs	10	22
Rushing att.-yards	37-77	61-256
Passes	20-8-0	16-8-0
Passing yards	89	72
Total att.-yards	57-166	77-328
Returns-yards	2-96	4-66
Sacks by	1-6	3-19
Punts-average	8-45.1	4-49.3
Fumbles-lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-yards	5-41	4-26
Time of poss.	27:06	32:54

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

MU: Devin West 24-72-0; DeVaughn Black 2-5-0; Corby Jones 11-0-1.

NU: Correll Buckhalter 25-125-0; Monte Christo 20-67-2; Bobby Newcombe 9-33-0; Joel Makovicka 7-31-0.

Passing:

MU: Jones 20-8-0, 89.

NU: Newcombe 11-7-0, 65, 0.

Receiving:

MU: John Dausman 4-34-0.

NU: Buckhalter 2-20-0; Shevin Wiggins 2-17-0; Sheldon Jackson 2-12-0.

Missed field goals:

MU: None.

NU: Brown, 38, 29.

Interceptions: None.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

MU: Harold Piersey 5-8-13; Caldrinoff Easter 4-7-11; Jamonte Robinson 5-4-9.

NU: Jay Foreman 3-10-13; Mike Brown 2-7-9; Jason Wiltz 2-3-5; Mike Rucker 2-3-5; Carlos Polk 1-4-5; Chad Kelsay 1-4-5.

Sacks:

MU: Danny McCamy, 5-3; Julian Jones .5-3.

NU: Eric Johnson 1-10; Brian Shaw 1-5; Foreman 1-4.

Shevin Wiggins' 53-yard punt return in the third quarter sparked the Huskers' 20-13 victory over Missouri.

Game 9
Texas 20
Nebraska 16

Lincoln, Neb.
Oct. 31, 1998

Lincoln -- Despite one of the best individual defensive performances in school history, No. 7 Nebraska saw its 47-game home winning streak end as Texas upset the Huskers, 20-16, on Halloween. The loss overshadowed a standout performance by junior rover Mike Brown. The junior from Scottsdale, Ariz., made 17 tackles, including eight solo stops, the most tackles in a game by a Husker since 1981, as he held Heisman Trophy favorite Ricky Williams to 150 yards, 60 below his average. The Longhorns struck first, scoring a touchdown on their first possession as Major Applewhite connected with Derek Lewis on a 16-yard touchdown pass to give Texas a 7-0 lead. UT extended the lead to 10-0 on a 36-yard field goal by Kris Stockton early in the second quarter. The Nebraska offense struggled until late in the second quarter when reserve quarterback Eric Crouch drove the Huskers 88 yards in the final three minutes, setting up a Kris Brown 27-yard field goal on the final play of the first half. Trailing 10-3, the Husker offense responded by scoring the first 10 points of the third quarter. NU closed the UT lead to 10-6 on a Brown 47-yard field goal before taking its first lead at 13-10, on a 38-yard touchdown run by Crouch. The freshman from Omaha accounted for all 49 yards on the scoring drive and finished with a career-high 108 yards rushing. Texas struck back, driving 89 yards on eight plays before Stockton added a 19-yard field goal. Texas had first-and-goal at the NU 5, but the Blackshirts held firm. Nebraska regained the lead 16-13, as Brown connected on the third of his three field goals, hitting a 42-yarder. Brown's three field goals were a season high. The lead would not last as Texas drove 85 yards to take a 20-16 lead on a two-yard pass from Applewhite to Wane McGarity. Applewhite completed 14-of-26 passes for 269 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The home winning streak was the fifth longest in NCAA history and the loss was the first at home to an unranked team since 1978.

Junior rover Mike Brown made a career-best 19 tackles, the highest single-game Husker total since 1981, in NU's 20-16 loss to Texas.

Scoring Summary

Texas	7	3	0	10	--20
Nebraska	0	3	10	3	--16

First Quarter

UT-Derek Lewis 16 pass from Major Applewhite (Kris Stockton kick), 9:36.

Second Quarter

UT-Stockton 36 field goal, 2:42.

NU-Kris Brown 27 field goal, :00.

Third Quarter

NU-Brown 47 field goal, 10:53.

NU-Eric Crouch 38 run (Brown kick), 3:28.

Fourth Quarter

UT-Stockton 19 field goal, 13:38.

NU-Brown 42 field goal, 8:33.

UT-Wane McGarity 2 pass from Applewhite (Stockton kick), 2:47.

Team Statistics	UT	NU
First downs	19	18
Rushing att.-yards	43-129	47-194
Passes	27-14-1	17-10-0
Passing yards	269	117
Total att.-yards	70-398	64-311
Returns-yards	2-8	2-27
Sacks by	4-29	3-22
Punts-average	6-33.0	5-47.8
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	9-88	5-45
Time of poss.	31:04	28:56

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

UT: Ricky Williams 37-150-0.

NU: Eric Crouch 17-108-1; Dan Alexander 8-60-0; Correll Buckhalter 8-18-0.

Passing:

UT: Major Applewhite 26-14-1, 269, 2 TD.

NU: Crouch 13-6-0, 59.

Receiving:

UT: Wane McGarity 5-51-1; Kwame Cavil 4-70-0; Bryan White 2-113-0; Derek Lewis 1-16-1.

NU: Shevin Wiggins 4-59-0; Sheldon Jackson 3-26-0.

Missed field goals:

UT: None.

NU: Kris Brown, 37.

Interceptions:

UT: None.

NU: Ralph Brown 1-17.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

UT: Anthony Hicks 5-8-13; Dusty Renfro 3-7-10; four others with seven.

NU: Mike Brown 8-11-19; Mike Rucker 4-7-11; Jay Foreman 2-8-10; Eric Johnson 3-3-6.

Sacks:

UT: Anthony Hicks 2-11; Shaun Rogers 1-14; Aaron Humphrey 1-4.

NU: Jay Foreman 1-11; Eric Johnson 1-6; Loran Kaiser 1-5.

Game 10
Nebraska 42
Iowa State 7

Ames, Iowa
Nov. 7, 1998

Ames, Iowa -- Behind the punishing running of reserve I-back Dan Alexander, the No. 14/15 Huskers rebounded to defeat Iowa State, 42-7, in Ames. Alexander, making his first career start, rushed for 110 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries as the Huskers churned out 359 rushing yards in snowy conditions. Iowa State nearly got an early break when the Cyclones partially blocked a Bill Lafleur punt, but ISU fumbled on the return and reserve linebacker Josh Kohl recovered at the Iowa State 42-yard line. The Huskers capitalized five plays later as Alexander scored on a nine-yard run to take a 7-0 lead. The Cyclones drove deep into NU territory before Husker free safety Clint Finley intercepted a Todd Bandhauer pass at the goal line and returned it to the 21. The interception was the first of Finley's career and one of four ISU miscues on the afternoon. Finley's interception set up a 79-yard, 13-play drive that Alexander capped with a three-yard run to make it 14-0. Finley added a second interception on the next series, but NU was unable to capitalize. Late in the first half, the Huskers extended their lead to 21-0 as I-back Correll Buckhalter scored from one yard to cap a seven-play, 47-yard drive with 44 seconds remaining in the half. After Alexander's third touchdown of the day increased the Husker lead to 28-0, NU added a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, a 16-yard run by senior quarterback Monte Christo and a 65-yard interception return by Joe Walker. With that return, Walker became only the fifth player in NCAA history to return an interception, punt and kickoff return for a touchdown in the same season. While the Huskers converted Cyclone mistakes into scores, the NU defense held ISU to zero yards rushing after three quarters and allowed 227 yards of total offense. The Cyclones scored a late touchdown to avoid a shutout. Erwin Swiney led NU with eight tackles, while Tony Ortiz added five, including four tackles for loss.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska	7	14	7	14	--42
Iowa State	0	0	0	7	--7

First Quarter

NU-Dan Alexander 9 run (Kris Brown kick), :28.

Second Quarter

NU-Alexander 3 run (Brown kick), 6:50.

NU-Correll Buckhalter 2 run (Brown kick), :44.

Third Quarter

NU-Alexander 1 run (Brown kick), 3:11.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Monte Christo 16 run (Brown kick), 13:07.

NU-Joe Walker 65 interception return (Brown kick), 11:05.

ISU-Ennis Haywood 19 run (Jamie Kohl kick), 4:47.

Team Statistics	NU	ISU
First downs	24	17
Rushing att.-yards	62-359	38-103
Passes	9-4-1	32-11-3
Passing yards	44	124
Total att.-yards	71-403	70-227
Returns-yards	4-109	2-51
Sacks by	2-14	0
Punts-average	3-19.7	3-38.3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-31	9-70
Time of poss.	32:41	27:19

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

NU: Dan Alexander 22-110-3; Eric Crouch 15-91-0; Monte Christo 5-34-1; Correll Buckhalter 7-33-1.

ISU: Darren Davis 18-48-0; Ennis Haywood 6-38-1; Sage Rosenfels 4-34-0.

Passing:

NU: Crouch 8-4-1, 44.

ISU: Todd Bandhauer 25-9-3, 118.

Receiving:

NU: Joel Makovicka 2-25-0.

ISU: Damien Groce 4-88-0; Chris Anthony 3-35-0.

Missed field goals:

NU: Kris Brown, 38.

ISU: None.

Interceptions:

NU: Clint Finley 2-21-0; Joe Walker 1-65-1.

ISU: Kip King 1-51-0.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

NU: Erwin Swiney 4-4-8; Tony Ortiz 4-2-6; Clint Finley 2-3-5; Eric Johnson 2-3-5; Jay Foreman 1-4-5; Mike Brown 1-4-5.

ISU: Jeff Waters 7-6-13; James Reed 5-6;11; Chin Achebe 3-6-9; Kip King 3-6-9.

Sacks:

ISU: None

NU: Jason Wiltz 1-7; Chad Kelsay 1-7.

Sophomore I-back Dan Alexander rushed for 110 yards and three TDs in NU's 42-7 win over Iowa State.

Game 11
Kansas St. 40
Nebraska 30

Manhattan, Kan.
Nov. 14, 1998

Manhattan, Kan. -- In a game which featured two ties and three lead changes, No. 2/1 Kansas State defeated No. 11 Nebraska, 40-30, to clinch the Big 12 North Division title. The victory was the first since 1968 for the Wildcats over the Huskers and Kansas State's first win in Manhattan over NU since 1959. Nebraska took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards to take a 7-0 lead on an Eric Crouch eight-yard touchdown pass to Sheldon Jackson. After KSU tied the score at 7 on a Michael Bishop touchdown run, Crouch hit split end Kenny Cheatham on a spectacular 45-yard touchdown pass to give NU a 14-7 lead. After a Wildcat turnover, the Huskers extended the lead to 17-7 on a Kris Brown 18-yard field goal. Although Nebraska struggled to shut down the explosive KSU offense, the Blackshirts forced five Wildcat turnovers, including one on the NU 1-yard line when Jason Wiltz recovered a Bishop fumble, his third of the half, to end a Wildcat scoring threat. Kansas State cut the lead to 17-14 at halftime on Bishop's two-yard touchdown run. Kansas State took its first lead of the day at 21-17 on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Bishop to Darnell McDonald and Martin Gramatica's 25-yard field goal gave KSU a 24-17 lead before the Huskers mounted a comeback. Junior cornerback Ralph Brown returned a Frank Murphy fumble 74 yards to tie the score at 24. After another Gramatica field goal pushed the KSU lead to 27-24, Crouch led the Huskers on a six-play, 77-yard scoring drive capped off by a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jackson, who finished with a pair of touchdown catches, but Brown missed the extra point and the Huskers led 30-27 with 8:17 remaining. The Wildcats responded, driving 80 yards in 11 plays as Bishop, who completed 19-of-33 passes for 306 yards and two TDs and rushed for 140 yards and two scores, found McDonald for an 11-yard TD pass with 5:25 remaining. The Wildcats put the game away on a 22-yard fumble return by Jeff Kelly with three seconds remaining. Crouch finished the afternoon completing 10-of-21 passes for a career-best 139 yards, while tying his career high with 108 yards rushing. On the day, Nebraska forced five KSU turnovers, converting them into 17 Husker points.

Quarterback Eric Crouch rushed for 108 yards and threw for 139 and three TDs in NU's 40-30 loss to top-ranked Kansas State.

Scoring Summary

Nebraska	7	10	7	6	--30
Kansas State	7	7	10	16	--40

First Quarter

NU-Sheldon Jackson 8 pass from Eric Crouch (Kris Brown kick), 11:29.

KSU-Michael Bishop 2 run (Martin Gramatica kick), 3:32.

Second Quarter

NU-Kenny Cheatham 45 pass from Crouch (Brown kick), 11:00.

NU-Brown 18 field goal, 4:55.

KSU-Bishop 1 run (Gramatica kick), :49.

Third Quarter

KSU-Darnell McDonald 17 pass from Bishop (Gramatica kick), 8:20.

KSU-Gramatica 25 field goal, 5:03.

NU-Ralph Brown 74 fumble return (Brown kick), 1:05.

Fourth Quarter

KSU-Gramatica 21 field goal, 10:57.

NU-Jackson 9 pass from Crouch (kick failed), 8:22.

KSU-McDonald 11 pass from Bishop (Gramatica kick), 5:25.

KSU-Jeff Kelly 23 fumble return (run failed), :03.

Team Statistics	NU	KSU
First downs	18	27
Rushing att.-yards	43-212	43-206
Passes	21-10-1	33-19-1
Passing yards	139	306
Total att.-yards	64-351	76-512
Returns-yards	2-74	6-90
Sacks by	1-10	2-20
Punts-average	6-46.2	2-54.5
Fumbles-lost	2-2	6-4
Penalties-yards	5-34	8-83
Time of poss.	28:53	31:07

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

NU: Eric Crouch 22-108-0; Correll Buckhalter 13-54-0; Joel Makovicka 5-28-0.

KSU: Michael Bishop 25-140-2; Eric Hickson 11-56-0.

Passing:

NU: Crouch 21-10-1, 139, 3 TD.

KSU: Bishop 33-19-1, 306, 2 TD.

Receiving:

NU: Sheldon Jackson 4-48-2; Matt Davison 2-21-0; Kenny Cheatham 1-45-1; Shevin Wiggins 1-28-1.

KSU: Darnell McDonald 12-183-2; Aaron Lockett 6-117-0.

Missed field goals: None.

Interceptions:

NU: Keyou Craver 1-0.

KSU: Jeff Kelly 1-0.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

NU: Mike Brown 6-6-12; Jay Foreman 5-5-10; Eric Johnson 6-3-9; Erwin Swiney 4-4-8; Chad Kelsay 5-2-7.

KSU: Lamar Chapman 6-5-11; Jarrod Cooper 5-3-8; Joe Bob Clements 5-1-6; Mark Simoneau 3-3-6.

Sacks:

NU: Carlos Polk 1-10.

KSU: Travis Ochs 1-12; Darren Howard 1-8.

Game 12
Nebraska 16
Colorado 14

Lincoln, Neb.
Nov. 27, 1998

Lincoln-- Nebraska rode a strong defensive effort and the foot of senior place-kicker Kris Brown to a 16-14 victory over Colorado, extending the Huskers' streak of nine-win seasons to an NCAA- record 30 years. The Husker defense turned in one of its best performances of the season, sacking CU quarterback Mike Moschetti six times and forcing three CU turnovers, leading to 10 of the Huskers' 16 points. The Blackshirts struck early, as NU free safety Clint Finley intercepted a Moschetti pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown to give the Huskers a 7-0 lead. Colorado came right back as the Buffaloes drove 80 yards on 11 plays, capped by a Moschetti pass to Javon Green to tie the score at 7. Nebraska took the lead in the final moments of the first half, driving 45 yards on nine plays before Brown's first field goal of the day, a 30-yarder on the final play of the half. The Huskers extended the lead to 13-7 on a second Brown 30-yard field goal. Sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter had a career-long 52-yard run to set up the field goal and finished with a team-high 92 yards on 15 carries. Colorado capitalized on NU's only turnover of the afternoon, an Eric Crouch interception in the end zone, and regained the lead at 14-13 on a Moschetti to Adam Peeke touchdown pass. Trailing 14-13, senior rush end Mike Rucker sacked Moschetti causing a fumble and freshman Jeremy Slechta recovered at the Nebraska 42. The Huskers converted on the turnover as Brown's 25-yard field goal gave Nebraska a 16-14 lead with eight and a half minutes remaining. Brown, who earlier in the day set the NCAA career record for extra points with 217, breaking the previous record of 216 set by Fresno State's Derek Mahoney, connected on 3-of-4 field goals, hitting a pair from 30 yards before his game winner from 25 yards. Colorado had a final chance but Chad Kelsay's 8-yard sack on second down forced CU into a passing situation. Moschetti threw a pair of incompletions on third and fourth down, and the Huskers ran out the final two minutes to clinch the win. Rucker led the Blackshirts with seven tackles, 1.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and one interception caused to earn Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors, while fellow rush end Chad Kelsay added six stops, including three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

Scoring Summary

Colorado	7	0	7	0	--14
Nebraska	7	3	3	3	--16

First Quarter

NU-Clint Finley 42 interception return (Kris Brown kick), 11:09.

CU-Javon Green 17 pass from Mike Moschetti (Jeremy Aldrich kick), 6:17.

Second Quarter

NU-Brown 30 field goal, :00.

Third Quarter

NU-Brown 30 field goal, 11:29.

CU-Andy Peeke 15 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick), 2:11.

Fourth Quarter

NU-Brown 25 field goal, 8:48.

Team Statistics	CU	NU
First downs	18	12
Rushing att.-yards	46-112	37-131
Passes	19-13-1	22-10-1
Passing yards	134	123
Total att.-yards	65-246	59-254
Returns-yards	4-43	4-62
Sacks by	2-15	6-48
Punts-average	5-39.2	5-51.0
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	7-78	5-44
Time of poss.	33:42	26:18

Individual Leaders

Rushing:

CU: Marlon Barnes 25-102-0; Dwayne Cherrington 6-39-0.

NU: Correll Buckhalter 15-92-0; Joel Makovicka 5-21-0; Eric Crouch 17-18-0.

Passing:

CU: Mike Moschetti 18-12-1, 132, 2TD.

NU: Crouch 22-10-1, 123.

Receiving:

CU: Javon Green 5-72-1; Marcus Stiggers 4-25-0; Andy Peeke 1-15-1.

NU: Shevin Wiggins 3-42-0; Buckhalter 3-29-0; Matt Davison 2-31-0.

Missed field goals:

CU: Jeremy Aldrich, 52.

NU: Brown, 45.

Interceptions:

CU: Ben Kelly 1-0-0.

NU: Clint Finley 1-42-1.

Tackles (UT-AT-TT):

CU: Jashon Sykes 7-6-13; Terrell Cade 3-6-9; Hannibal Navies 4-3-7.

NU: Mike Brown 4-7-11; Jay Foreman 3-8-11; Chad Kelsay 3-5-8; Ralph Brown 6-1-7; Mike Rucker 4-3-7.

Sacks:

CU: Sykes 2-15.

NU: Kelsay 1.5-12; Rucker 1.5-12; Eric Johnson 1-10; Jason Lohr 1-6; Foreman 0.5-4; Jeremy Slechta 0.5-4.

Clint Finley's 42-yard interception return for a touchdown led the Huskers to a 16-14 win over CU.

1998 Nebraska Final Statistics

Final Team Results: 9-3/5-3 in Big 12 Conference

Date	Opponent	Site	Television	Attendance	Result	Gametime AP Rank NU/OPP.	Final AP NU/OPP.
Aug. 29	**Louisiana Tech!**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**Fox Sports Net**	**76,021**	**W, 56-27**	**4/--**	14/--
Sept. 5	**UAB**	**Lincoln, Neb.**		**75,921**	**W, 38-7**	**4/--**	14/--
Sept. 12	at California	Berkeley, Calif.	Fox Sports Net		W, 24-3	4/--	14/--
Sept. 26	**Washington**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**ABC-TV**	**76,372**	**W, 55-7**	**2/9**	14/--
Oct. 3	vs. Oklahoma State#	Kansas City, Mo.*	Fox Sports Net	79,555	W, 24-17	2/--	14/--
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M#	College Station, Texas	ABC-TV	60,798	L, 28-21	2/18	14/10
Oct. 17	**Kansas#**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**Fox Sports Net**	**76,174**	**W, 41-0**	**8/--**	14/--
Oct. 24	**Missouri#**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**Fox Sports Synd.**	**76,425**	**W, 20-13**	**7/19**	14/23
Oct. 31	**Texas#**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**ABC-TV**	**76,434**	**L, 20-16**	**7/--**	14/20
Nov. 7	at Iowa State#	Ames, Iowa		45,817	W, 42-7	14/--	14/--
Nov. 14	at Kansas State#	Manhattan, Kan.	ABC-TV	44,298	L, 40-30	11/2	14/4
Nov. 27	**Colorado#**	**Lincoln, Neb.**	**ABC-TV**	**75,958**	**W, 16-14**	**14/--**	14/--14/--

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Score by Quarters

Team	1st/Avg.	2nd/Avg.	3rd/Avg.	4th/Avg.	OT	Total/Avg.
Nebraska	83/6.9	106/8.8	89/7.4	105/8.75	0	383/31.9
Opponents	28/2.3	53/4.4	49/4.1	53/4.4	0	183/15.3

Final 1998 Team Statistics

	NU	Opp.
Total First Downs	**255**	**199**
By Rush	170	95
By Pass	65	88
By Penalty	20	16
Total Offensive Yards	**4,619**	**3,764**
Avg. Per Game	384.9	313.7
Total Plays	844	813
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.5	4.6
Net Rushing Yards	**3,045**	**1,402**
Avg. Per Game	253.8	116.8
Rushing Attempts	636	466
Avg. Per Attempt	4.8	3.0
Yards Gained Rushing	3,316	1,843
Yards Lost Rushing	271	441
Net Passing Yards	**1,574**	**2,362**
Avg. Per Game	131.2	196.8
Avg. Per Attempt	7.6	6.8
Avg. Per Completion	13.3	13.6
Attempts	208	374
Completions	118	174
Completion Percentage	.567	.501
Had Intercepted	5	14
NCAA Rating	126.59	111.62
Interceptions By	**14**	**5**
Yards Returned	242	60
Avg. Per Return	17.3	12.4
Touchdowns	2	0
Punting Avg.	**43.8**	**40.6**
Number of Punts	54	73
Yards	2,366	2,961
Had Blocked	2	0
Net Punting Avg.	39.4	34.6
Punt Returns	**38**	**23**
Yards Returned	437	239
Avg. Per Return	11.5	10.4
Touchdowns	1	0
Kickoff Returns	**29**	**38**
Yards Returned	609	757
Avg. Per Return	21.0	17.0
Touchdowns	1	0
Fumble Returns	**13**	**13**
Yards Returned	100	68
Touchdowns	1	3

	NU	Opp.
Penalties/Yards	**61-536**	**103-830**
Avg. Yards Per Game	44.7	69.2
Fumbles/Lost	**27-13**	**30-13**
Total Turnovers	**18**	**27**
3rd Down Conversions	**67-164**	**63-183**
Conversion Percentage	41	34
4th Down Conversions	**12/19**	**17/26**
Conversion Percent	63	65
Sacks By/Yards Lost	**33-233**	**20-146**
Time of Possession Per Game	**30:38**	**29:23**
Touchdowns	**49**	**24**
By Rush	37	8
By Pass	7	13
By Return	5	3
PAT Kicks Made/Att.	**47/49**	**19/22**
PAT Run-Pass Made/Att.	**0/0**	**1/2**
Field Goals Made/Att.	**14/21**	**6/8**
Safeties	**0**	**0**
Total Points	**383**	**183**
Avg. Per Game	31.9	15.3
Season Attendance	**830,773 (69,231 average)**	
Home	533,305 (76,186 average)	
Away	217,913 (54,478 average)	
Neutral	79,555 (79,555 average)	

For the third straight season, Nebraska led the Big 12 in attendance, averaging 76,186 fans a game. Memorial Stadium has had an NCAA record 227 consecutive sellouts dating back to 1962.

Nebraska Starters Game-By-Game

Husker Offense

Opponent	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	FB	IB	WB
La. Tech	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Buckhalter	DeBates*
UAB	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Crouch	Makovicka	Buckhalter	DeBates*
California	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Crouch	DeBates*	Buckhalter	Wiggins
Washington	DeBates*	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Evans	Wiggins
Okla. State	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Evans	Wiggins
Texas A&M	Davison	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Evans	Wiggins
Kansas	Davison	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Buckhalter	DeBates*
Missouri	Davison	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Newcombe	Makovicka	Buckhalter	DeBates*
Texas	DeBates*	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Gessford	Schwab	Jackson	Christo	Makovicka	Buckhalter	L. Brown
Iowa State	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Hochstein	Schwab	Jackson	Crouch	Makovicka	Alexander	Wistrom*
Kansas State	Cheatham	Julch	Sherman	Heskew	Hochstein	Schwab	Jackson	Crouch	Makovicka	Alexander	L. Brown
Colorado	Cheatham	Gessford	Raiola	Heskew	Hochstein	Schwab	Jackson	Crouch	Makovicka	Buckhalter	DeBates*

*-opened in two tight-end formation

Husker Defense

Opponent	LR	NT	DT	RR	SAM	MIKE	WILL	LCB	FS	ROV	RCB
La. Tech	Kelsay	Warren	Wiltz	Rucker	Shaw	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
UAB	Kelsay	Warren	Kaiser	Rucker	Shaw	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
California	Kelsay	Warren	Kaiser	Rucker	Shaw	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
Washington	Kelsay	Warren	Kaiser	Rucker	Shaw	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
Okla. State	Kelsay	Warren	Wiltz	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
Texas A&M	Kelsay	Warren	Wiltz	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
Kansas	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	M. Brown	Walker	R. Brown
Missouri	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	Finley	M. Brown	R. Brown
Texas	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	Finley	M. Brown	R. Brown
Iowa State	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	Finley	M. Brown	R. Brown
Kansas State	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	Finley	M. Brown	R. Brown
Colorado	Kelsay	Wiltz	Kaiser	Rucker	Ortiz	Foreman	Johnson	Swiney	Finley	M. Brown	R. Brown

Final Individual Statistics

Rushing

Name	G/GS	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg. Play	Avg. Game	LP	TD
C.Buckhalter	12/7	142	822	23	799	5.6	66.6	52 (Colorado)	8
E.Crouch	8/5	96	544	85	459	4.8	57.4	59* (UAB)	5
J.Makovicka	12/11	97	463	5	458	4.7	38.2	23 (California)	2
D.Alexander	9/2	70	382	13	369	5.3	41.0	22 (Texas)	4
B.Newcombe	6/6	83	314	86	228	2.7	38.0	20 (Okla. St/A&M)	8
M.Christo	7/1	59	265	42	223	3.8	31.9	42 (Kansas)	3
D.Evans	3/3	38	227	9	218	5.7	72.7	60* (Washington)	4
W.Miller	12/0	19	98	2	96	5.1	8.0	16 (Washington)	2
J.Runty	4/0	3	59	0	59	19.7	14.8	28 (Iowa State)	0
S.Wiggins	12/4	8	51	4	47	5.9	3.9	17 (Iowa State)	0
B.Legate	11/0	5	28	0	28	5.6	2.5	11 (Kansas)	1
D.White	6/0	7	27	0	27	3.9	4.5	7 (Kansas)	0
L.Brown	6/2	1	13	0	13	13.0	2.2	13 (La. Tech)	0
B.Kingston	3/0	3	9	0	9	3.0	3.0	5 (Kansas)	0
T.Soucie	6/0	1	7	0	7	7.0	1.2	7 (Iowa State)	0
N.Gragert	1/0	1	3	0	3	3.0	3.0	3 (Washington)	0
A.Tillery	1/0	1	3	0	3	3.0	3.0	3 (Washington)	0
J.Stanislav	1/0	1	1	0	1	1.0	1.0	1 (Washington)	0
F.London	7/0	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	-0.3	0	0
Total	**12**	**636**	**3316**	**271**	**3045**	**4.8**	**253.8**	**60* (Evans, Wash.)**	**37**
Opponents	**12**	**466**	**1843**	**441**	**1402**	**3.0**	**116.8**	**71 (Texas A&M)**	**8**

Passing

Name	G/GS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg./ Att.	Avg./ Game	Int.	Int. Pct.	LP	TD	TD Pct.	NCAA Rating
E.Crouch	8/5	101	49	48.5	601	5.95	75.1	4	.039	45	4	.039	103.65
B.Newcombe	6/6	79	50	63.3	712	9.01	118.7	1	.013	49	1	.013	140.64
M.Christo	7/1	28	19	67.9	261	9.32	37.3	0	.000	63	2	.071	169.73
Total	**12**	**208**	**118**	**56.7**	**1574**	**7.57**	**131.2**	**5**	**.024**	**63**	**7**	**.034**	**126.59**
Opponents	**12**	**347**	**174**	**50.1**	**2362**	**6.81**	**196.8**	**14**	**.040**	**94**	**13**	**.037**	**111.62**

Punting

	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	Net. Avg.	Inside Opp.20	Blk	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Long
								Distance in Yards							
B. Lafleur	12/0	52	2,337	44.9	40.3	17	2	1	1	5	31	12	2	0	64
Team	12	2	29	14.5	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Nebraska	**12**	**54**	**2,366**	**43.5**	**39.4**	**17**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**31**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**64**
Opponents	**12**	**73**	**2,961**	**43.8**	**34.6**	**19**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**24**	**29**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**80**

Receiving (*indicates touchdown scored)

	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP	TD
M.Davison	12/3	32	394	12.3	49 (A&M)	0
S.Wiggins	12/4	22	326	14.8	42 (Washington)	1
S.Jackson	12/12	19	343	18.1	48* (La. Tech)	4
K.Cheatham	9/7	13	155	11.9	45* (Kansas St.)	1
C.Buckhalter	12/7	13	88	6.8	21 (Colorado)	0
B.Haafke	12/0	6	54	9.0	16 (Missouri)	0
J.Makovicka	12/11	4	67	16.8	25 (Kansas)	0
L.Brown	6/2	3	24	8.0	11 (La. Tech)	0
D.Evans	3/3	3	23	7.7	9 (Wash/A&M)	0
T.Wistrom	12/1	2	84	42.0	63* (UAB)	1
T.J.Debates	10/8	1	16	16.0	16 (La. Tech)	0
Total	**12**	**118**	**1,574**	**13.3**	**63* (UAB)**	**7**
Opponents	**12**	**174**	**2,362**	**13.6**	**94* (La. Tech)**	**13**

Total Offense Leaders

Name	G/GS	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg./ Play	Avg./ Game
E.Crouch	8/5	197	459	601	1,060	5.38	132.5
B.Newcombe	6/6	162	228	712	940	5.80	156.7
C.Buckhalter	12/7	142	799	0	799	5.63	66.6
M.Christo	7/1	87	223	261	484	5.56	69.1
J.Makovicka	12/11	97	458	0	458	4.72	38.2
D.Alexander	9/2	70	369	0	369	5.27	41.0
D. Evans	3/3	38	218	0	218	5.73	72.7
Total	**12**	**844**	**3,045**	**1,574**	**4,619**	**5.47**	**384.9**
Opponents	**12**	**813**	**1,402**	**2,362**	**3,764**	**4.63**	**313.7**

All-Purpose Leaders

	G/GS	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Def.	Avg./ Total	Avg./ Game
C.Buckhalter	12/7	799	88	0	0	0	887	73.9
S.Wiggins	12/4	47	326	144	224	0	741	61.8
J.Walker	12/7	0	0	283	366	65	714	59.5
J.Makovicka	12/11	458	67	0	0	0	525	43.8
E.Crouch	8/5	459	0	0	0	0	459	57.4
M.Davison	12/3	0	394	0	0	0	394	32.8
D.Alexander	9/2	369	0	0	0	0	369	41.0
S. Jackson	12/12	0	343	0	0	0	362	30.2
D. Evans	3/3	218	23	0	0	0	241	80.3
B. Newcombe	6/6	228	0	0	0	0	228	38.0
M. Christo	7/1	223	0	0	0	0	223	31.9
K. Cheatham	9/7	0	155	0	0	0	155	17.2
Nebraska	**12**	**3,045**	**1,574**	**437**	**609**	**342**	**6,007**	**500.6**
Opponents	**12**	**1,402**	**2,362**	**239**	**757**	**148**	**4,888**	**407.3**

Interceptions

	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP	TD
J.Walker	12/7	3	65	21.7	65*	1
C.Finley	9/5	3	63	21.0	42*	1
R.Brown II	12/12	2	60	30.0	43	0
J.Wiltz	10/9	2	32	16.0	27	0
M.Brown	12/12	1	1	1.0	1	0
C.Polk	12/0	1	16	16.0	16	0
C.Kelsay	12/12	1	0	0.0	0	0
K.Craver	12/0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nebraska	**12**	**14**	**242**	**17.3**	**65**	**2**
Opponents	**12**	**5**	**60**	**12.0**	**51**	**0**

Fumble Returns

	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP	TD
L. Kaiser	12/9	2	0	0.0	0	0
R.Brown II	12/12	1	74	74.0	74*	1
M.Brown	12/12	1	26	26.0	26	0
J. Foreman	12/12	1	0	0.0	0	0
C. Kelsay	12/12	1	0	0.0	0	0
E. Swiney	12/12	1	0	0.0	0	0
C. Finley	9/5	1	0	0.0	0	0
S. Warren	10/6	1	0	0.0	0	0
C. Polk	12/0	1	0	0.0	0	0
J. Kohl	12/0	1	0	0.0	0	0
J. Slechta	8/0	1	0	0.0	0	0
K. Reynolds	6/0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**12**	**13**	**100**	**7.7**	**74**	**1**
Opponents	**12**	**13**	**68**	**5.2**	**41**	**3**

Punt Returns

Name	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP	TD
J.Walker	12/7	25	283	11.3	73	1
S.Wiggins	12/4	9	144	16.0	53	0
R.Brown II	12/12	3	7	2.3	7	0
F.London	7/0	1	3	3.0	0	0
Total	**12**	**38**	**437**	**11.5**	**73**	**1**
Opponents	**12**	**23**	**239**	**10.4**	**48**	**0**

Kickoff Returns

Name	G/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP	TD
J.Walker	12/7	17	366	21.5	99	1
S.Wiggins	12/4	10	224	22.4	40	0
S.Jackson	12/12	2	19	9.5	11	0
Total	**12**	**29**	**609**	**21.0**	**99**	**1**
Opponents	**12**	**38**	**757**	**19.9**	**49**	**0**

Scoring

Name	G/GS	TD	PAT1	PAT2	FG	Saf.	TP
K. Brown	12/12	0	47-48	0-0	14-21	0	89
B. Newcombe	6/6	8	0	0	0	0	48
C. Buckhalter	12/7	8	0	0	0	0	48
E. Crouch	8/5	5	0	0	0	0	30
S. Jackson	12/12	4	0	0	0	0	24
D. Evans	3/3	4	0	0	0	0	24
J. Walker	12/7	3	0	0	0	0	18
M. Christo	7/1	3	0	0	0	0	18
W. Miller	12/0	2	0	0	0	0	12
J. Makovicka	12/11	2	0	0	0	0	12
C. Finley	9/5	1	0	0	0	0	6
R. Brown	12/12	1	0	0	0	0	6
T. Wistrom	12/1	1	0	0	0	0	6
S. Wiggins	12/4	1	0	0	0	0	6
B Legate	11/0	1	0	0	0	0	6
K. Cheatham	9/7	1	0	0	0	0	6
D. Hadenfeldt	4/0	0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	**12**	**49**	**47-49**	**0-0**	**14-21**	**0**	**383**
Opponents	**12**	**24**	**19-22**	**1-2**	**6-8**	**0**	**183**

Field Goals

	Season	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Brown, K.	14-21	1-1	5-6	4-8	4-6	0-0
Nebraska	**14-21**	**1-1**	**5-6**	**4-8**	**4-6**	**0-0**
Opponents	**6-8**	**1-1**	**2-2**	**3-4**	**0-0**	**0-1**

Brown's FG Sequence: (), (27*), (40, 41*), (30), (48*) (), (27,28), (38*, 38, 30*, 29), (37, 27*, 47*, 42*), (38), (18*), (45, 30*, 30*, 25*)

Opponent FG Sequence: (), (), (36, 38*), (), (37*), (), (), () (36*, 19*), (), (25*, 21*) (52)

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Defensive Statistics

Player	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yards	PBU	QB Hurry	(---Fumbles---) Rec-Yards	Caused	Block Kick	Safety
M.Brown	12/12	37	65	102	5-5	0	1-1	4	0	1-26	0	0	0
J.Foreman	12/12	32	65	97	7-27	3.0-22	0	4	6	1-0	1	0	0
C.Kelsay	12/12	33	39	72	14-52	5.0-39	1-0	4	13	1-0	3	0	0
E.Johnson	12/12	33	37	70	11-52	6.0-41	0	1	6	0-0	1	0	0
E.Swiney	12/12	32	29	61	4-16	2.0-12	0	13	0	1-0	0	0	0
M.Rucker	12/12	21	32	53	9-21	1.5-12	0	1	11	0-0	4	0	0
J.Walker	12/8	22	28	50	5-10	0	3-65	1	0	0-0	1	0	0
T.Ortiz	11/8	20	26	46	9-28	1.0-3	0	2	4	0-0	1	1(P)	0
R.Brown II	12/12	27	19	46	2-3	0	2-60	14	0	1-74	0	0	0
L.Kaiser	12/9	16	24	40	10-27	5.5-21	0	1	4	2-0	1	0	0
B.Shaw	12/4	12	27	39	4-11	1.0-5	0	0	4	0-0	0	0	0
J.Wiltz	10/9	10	25	35	1-7	1.0-7	2-32	2	4	0-0	1	0	0
C.Finley	9/6	6	22	28	3-13	0	3-63	0	0	1-0	1	0	0
K.Vanden Bosch	12	10	18	28	4-36	2.0-29	0	0	3	0-0	2	0	0
S.Warren	10/6	10	16	26	1-3	0	0	4	7	1-0	0	0	0
K.Craver	12	11	14	25	0	0	1-0	3	1	0-0	0	0	0
J.Jackson	10	9	15	24	3-20	2.0-19	0	1	5	0-0	0	0	0
C.Polk	12	13	9	22	5-24	1.0-10	1-16	1	0	1-0	2	0	0
J.Kohl	12	4	6	10	1-3	0	0	0	2	1-0	0	0	0
A.Wills	11	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	0	0	0
T.Toline	12	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
J.Slechta	8	3	6	9	3-11	1.0-7	0	2	1	1-0	0	0	0
K.Reynolds	6	5	3	8	1-5	0	0-5	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
J.Lohr	12	5	2	7	1-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
D.Raiola	12/1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
J.Burrow	12	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
W.Woodward	10	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
B.Legate	11	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
G.McGraw	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
S.Raymond	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
M. Vedral	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
T.Watchorn	9	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
J.P.Wichmann	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
E.Ryan	3	0	2	2	1-2	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
D.Booker	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	0	0
J.Makovicka	12/11	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
M.McGinn	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
W.Miller	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Q.Hogrefe	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
B.Buettenback	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
L.Mehl	1	0	1	1	1-3	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
B.Mooberry	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
E.Fischer	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
D.White	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
J.Peterson	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.Tuttle	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
C. Vanderhoef	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
J.Hemje	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
D.Alexander	9/2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0

Interceptions Caused: Rucker (3), Warren (2), Jackson (2), Shaw (2)
***Sacks included in Tackles for Loss; Key- P-punt; PAT-Extra point; FG-Field goal.**

Regular Season Games Played

(players with no statistics, listed alphabetically, games/starts)
Luis Almanzar 3/0; Josh Anderson 2/0; Sean Applegate 10/0; Rod Baker 3/0; Damien Bauman 4/0; Matt Baldwin 4/0; Sasho Becvarovski 2/0; Tom Beveridge 3/0; Mic Boettner 1/0; Jeff Clausen 1/0; Jon Coyne 2/0; Billy Diekmann 2/0; Mitch Ebke 1/0; Demond Finister 6/0; Craig Fischer 1/0; Lonnie Fulton 1/0; Ben Gessford 12/10; John Gibson 10/0; Bobby Gill 3/0; Matt Grummert 1/0; Chris Gustafson 2/0; Brad Hamik 1/0; Aaron Havlovic 1/0; Josh Heskew 12/12; Russ Hochstein 12/3; Matt Ickes 1/0; Adam Julch 12/11; Kyle Kollmorgen 12/0; Jake McKee 3/0; Chris Moran 1/0; John Murphy 2/0; Jon Penny 2/0; Hank Piening 1/0; Brandon Roth 2/0; Jon Rutherford 4/0; Chris Saalfeld 2/0; Jason Schwab 12/12; James Sherman 12/11; Jim Tansey 2/0; Arion Turner 2/0; Chad Tuttle 2/0; Tyrone Uhlir 1/0; Dave Volk 12/0; Brandt Wade 5/0.

Statistical Highs and Lows

Nebraska

	High	Low
Points Scored	56 vs. Louisiana Tech	16, Texas, Colorado
First Downs	29 vs. Louisiana Tech, Washington	12 vs. Oklahoma State, Colorado
Rushing Attempts	79 vs. Kansas	36 vs. Oklahoma State
Rushing Yards	466 vs. Kansas	73 vs. Oklahoma State
Passes Attempted	28 at California	9 vs. Washington, Kansas, at Iowa State
Passes Completed	15 vs. UAB, at California, at Texas A&M	4 at Iowa State
Had Intercepted	1, five times	0, seven times
Passing Yards	208 vs. UAB	72 vs. Missouri
Total Plays	88 at California, vs. Kansas	52 vs. Oklahoma State
Total Yards	545 vs. Kansas	215 vs. Oklahoma State
Possession Time	39:47 vs. Kansas	24:50 vs. Oklahoma State
Fumbles	4 vs. Kansas, Missouri	0 at California
Fumbles Lost	2, four times	0 at California, vs. Oklahoma State, at Iowa State
Turnovers	3, at Kansas State	0 vs. Oklahoma State
Turnover Margin	+4 vs. Washington	-1, three times
Penalties	9 vs. Kansas	1 vs. Oklahoma State
Yards Penalized	69 vs. Kansas	15 vs. Oklahoma State
Sacks By	6 at California, Colorado	0 vs. Kansas

Opponents

	High	Low
Points Scored	40, Kansas State	0, Kansas
First Downs	27, Kansas State	9, California
Rushing Attempts	55, Oklahoma State	14, Louisiana Tech
Rushing Yards	259, Texas A&M	-21, Louisiana Tech
Passes Attempted	**68, Louisiana Tech**	18, UAB
Passes Completed	**46, Louisiana Tech**	8, three times
Had Intercepted	3, Washington, Iowa State	0, three times
Passing Yards	**590, Louisiana Tech**	56, UAB
Total Plays	82, Louisiana Tech	56, Kansas
Total Yards	569, Louisiana Tech	166, Missouri
Possession Time	35:10, Oklahoma State	20:13, Kansas
Fumbles	6, Kansas State	0, California
Fumbles Lost	4, Kansas State	0, five times
Turnovers	6, Washington	0, UAB, Oklahoma State
Turnover Margin	+1, three times	-4, Washington
Penalties	12, Louisiana Tech, Washington	3, Kansas
Yards Penalized	114, Washington	15, Kansas
Sacks By	4, Texas A&M, Texas	0, four times

Individual Highs

Most Rushing Attempts ..... 25, Correll Buckhalter vs. Missouri (125 yards)
Most Net Rushing Yards ..... 146; DeAngelo Evans vs. Washington (13 attempts)
Most Rushing TDs ..... 3; DeAngelo Evans and Bobby Newcombe vs. Wash.; Correll Buckhalter vs. Kan.; Alexander at Iowa St.
Longest TD Run ..... 60; DeAngelo Evans vs. Washington
Longest Run, No TD ..... 52; Correll Buckhalter vs. Colorado
Most Pass Attempts ..... 27; Bobby Newcombe at Texas A&M
Most Completed Passes ..... 15; Bobby Newcombe at Texas A&M
Most Passing Yards ..... 204; Bobby Newcombe at Texas A&M
Longest TD Pass ..... 63; Monte Christo to Tracey Wistrom vs. UAB
Longest Pass, No TD ..... 49; Bobby Newcombe to Matt Davison at Texas A&M
Most Pass Receptions ..... 10; Matt Davison at Texas A&M (167 yards)
Most Receiving Yards ..... **167; Matt Davison at Texas A&M (10 receptions)**
Most TD Receptions ..... 2; Sheldon Jackson at Kansas State
Most Total-Offense Attempts ..... **50; Bobby Newcombe at Texas A&M**
Most Total-Offense Yards ..... 260; Bobby Newcombe at Texas A&M
Most All-Purpose Attempts ..... 27; Correll Buckhalter vs. Missouri
Most All-Purpose Yards ..... 187; Joe Walker vs. Louisiana Tech
Most Touchdowns Scored ..... 3; DeAngelo Evans and Bobby Newcombe vs. Wash.; Correll Buckhalter vs. Kan.; Alexander at Iowa St.
Most Field Goals Attempted ..... 4; Kris Brown vs. Missouri, Texas, Colorado
Most Field Goals Made ..... 3; Kris Brown vs. Texas, Colorado
Longest Field Goal ..... 48; Kris Brown vs. Oklahoma State
Most Interceptions ..... 2; Clint Finley at Iowa State (21 yards)
Longest Interception TD Return ..... *65; Joe Walker at Iowa State
Longest Interception Return, No TD...43; Ralph Brown at Texas A&M
Longest Fumble TD Return ..... *75; Ralph Brown at Kansas State
Longest Fumble Return, No TD.....26; Mike Brown vs. Kansas
Longest Punt Return ..... *73; Joe Walker vs. Oklahoma State
Longest Kickoff Return ..... *99; Joe Walker vs. Louisiana Tech

Nebraska Individual Highs, Continued

Most Kickoff Return Yardage ..... 182; Joe Walker vs. Louisiana Tech (five returns)
Most Punts ..... 8; Bill Lafleur vs. Oklahoma State (243 yards)
Highest Punting Average ..... 51.0; Bill Lafleur vs. Colorado (five punts, 255 yards)
Longest Punt ..... 64; Bill Lafleur vs. Missouri
Most Total Tackles ..... 19; Mike Brown vs. Texas
Most Solo Tackles ..... 8; Mike Brown vs. Texas
Most Tackles for Loss ..... 4; Tony Ortiz vs. Iowa State (14 yards)
Most Yards Lost ..... 18; Kyle Vanden Bosch vs. Louisiana Tech
Most Quarterback Sacks ..... 2; Eric Johnson at California (10 yards)
Most Yards Lost ..... 16; Kyle Vanden Bosch at California

Opponents' Highs

Most Yards Rushing ..... 150; Ricky Williams, Texas
Most Rushing Attempts ..... 37; Ricky Williams, Texas
Most Yards Passing ..... **590; Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech**
Most Passing Attempts ..... **68; Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech**
Most Pass Completions ..... **46; Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech**
Most Pass Receptions ..... **21; Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech**
Most Yards Receiving ..... **405; Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech**

Opponents' Long Plays

Rush ..... 71; Ja'Mar Toombs, Texas A&M
Pass ..... 94; Tim Rattay to Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech
Field Goal ..... 38; Timi Wolleck, California
Punt return ..... 48; David Allen, Kansas State
Kickoff return ..... 49; Deltha O'Neal, California
Interception return ..... 51; Kip King, Iowa State
Punt ..... 80; Vince Sebo, Missouri
Note: Boldface indicates school record

Nebraska Long Plays of 25 Yards or More

Opponent	Runs (13)	Passes (16)	Returns (16)
Louisiana Tech	*43 Buckhalter	*46 Newcombe to Jackson 48 Newcombe to Jackson	*99 Walker (KOR) 30 Walker (KOR) 27 Wiltz (IR)
UAB	*59 Crouch	29 Crouch to Wiggins *63 Christo to Wistrom	35 Wiggins (PR)
California	29 Buckhalter 30 Crouch	36 Crouch to Wiggins 31 Christo to S. Jackson	32 Wiggins (KOR)
Washington	*60 Evans 26 Evans	42 Newcombe to Wiggins	31 Walker (PR)
Oklahoma State	none	40 Newcombe to S. Jackson 30 Crouch to S. Jackson	*73 Walker (PR)
Texas A&M	none	49 Newcombe to Davison 39 Newcombe to Davison	43 R. Brown (IR) 40 Wiggins (KOR)
Kansas	*32 Buckhalter 42 Christo 26 Runty	25 Newcombe to Makovicka	30 Walker (PR) 26 M. Brown (FR)
Missouri	none	none	40 Wiggins (KOR) 53 Wiggins (PR)
Texas	*38 Crouch	36 Christo to Wiggins	none
Iowa State	31 Crouch 28 Runty	none	*65 Walker (IR)
Kansas State	none	*45 Crouch to Cheatham 28 Crouch to Wiggins	*74 R. Brown (FR)
Colorado	52 Buckhalter	27 Crouch to Davison	*42 Finley (IR)

*-indicates touchdowns scored

Opponent Long Plays of 25 Yards or More

Opponent	Runs (4)	Passes (25)	Returns (13)
Louisiana Tech	none	25 Rattay to Edwards 29 Rattay to Edwards *52 Rattay to Edwards *94 Rattay to Edwards *80 Rattay to Edwards 27 Ratty to Cangelosi	
UAB	none	none	31 Gallery (KOR)
California	none	31 Vedder to Douglas 40 Vedder to Douglas 44 Vedder to Kunkle	49 O'Neal (KOR)
Washington	none	28 Huard to DeSaussure 25 Huard to Looker	43 Butler (KOR) 35 Jarzynka (KOR) 30 Jarzynka (KOR)
Oklahoma State	none	41 Lindsay to Steggs *67 Lindsay to Howell 25 Lindsay to Love	none
Texas A&M	71 Toombs 33 McCown	*81 McCown to Taylor	
Kansas	none	29 Wegner to Chandler 26 Wegner to Bowles	none
Missouri	none	32 Jones to Wise	*41 Erickson (FR) 44 Piersey (BFGR)
Texas	38 Williams	37 Applewhite to Cavil 76 Applewhite to White 37 Applewhite to White	30 Jones (KOR)
Iowa State	none	37 Bandhauer to Groce 27 Bandhauer to Groce	51 King (IR)
Kansas State	50 Bishop	61 Bishop to Lockett 38 Bishop to McDonald	48 Allen (PR) 39 Allen (PR) 28 Murphy (KOR)
Colorado	none	none	39 Lewis (PR)

*-indicates touchdowns scored

1998 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

Nebraska

	Rushing A/Yds./TD	Passing A-C-I/Y/TD	Total Off. Plays/Yds	First Downs T/R-Pa-Pe	Fumbles No./Lost	Sacks By/ Yards Lost
Louisiana Tech	56/289/6	13-10-0/173/1	69/462	29/17-6-6	3/1	3/26
UAB	43/236/3	21-15-0/206/2	64/444	22/13-7-2	2/1	3/19
California	60/254/2	28-15-1/180/1	88/434	24/12-9-3	0/0	6/36
Washington	68/438/8	9-6-0/93/0	77/527	29/22-5-2	2/2	3/17
Oklahoma State	36/73/2	16-10-0/142/0	52/215	12/6-5-1	2/0	1/11
Texas A&M	44/141/3	27-15-1/204/0	71/345	17/9-8-0	2/1	2/11
Kansas	79/466/5	9-5-0/79/0	88/545	28/24-4-0	4/2	0/0
Missouri	61/256/2	16-8-0/72/0	77/328	22/16-4-2	4/2	3/19
Texas	47/194/1	17-10-0/117/0	64/311	18/12-4-2	3/1	3/22
Iowa State	62/359/5	9-4-1/44/0	71/403	24/20-3-1	1/0	2/14
Kansas State	43/212/0	21-10-1/139/3	64/351	18/13-4-1	2/2	1/10
Colorado	37/131/0	22-10-1/123/0	59/254	12/6-6-0	2/1	6/48

Opponents

	Rushing A/Yds/TD	Passing A-C-I/Yds/TD	Total Off. Plays/Yds	First Downs T/R-Pa-Pe	Fumbles No./Lost	Sacks By/ Yards Lost
Louisiana Tech	14/-21/0	68-46-1/590/4	82/569	25/1-22-2	3/0	1/6
UAB	46/154/1	18-8-0/56/0	64/210	16/11-3-2	4/0	0/0
California	25/12/0	32-14-2/224/0	57/236	9/2-7-0	0/0	3/21
Washington	31/97/0	41-20-3/176/1	72/273	16/8-8-0	3/3	0/0
Oklahoma State	55/175/1	24-11-0/180/1	79/355	19/13-5-1	2/0	3/23
Texas A&M	57/259/2	8-2-1/93/1	65/352	12/9-1-2	2/0	4/26
Kansas	31/99/0	25-8-1/121/0	56/220	11/6-4-1	2/2	0/0
Missouri	37/77/1	20-8-0/89/0	57/166	10/5-5-0	2/1	1/6
Texas	43/129/0	27-14-1/269/2	70/398	19/8-9-2	1/0	4/29
Iowa State	38/103/1	32-11-3/124/0	70/227	17/10-5-2	2/1	0/0
Kansas State	43/206/2	33-19-1/306/2	76/512	27/11-14-2	6/4	2/20
Colorado	46/112/0	19-13-1/134/2	65/246	18/11-5-2	3/2	2/15

1998 NU Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

Rushing (Attempts/Yards/Touchdowns)

Name	La. Tech	UAB	Cal	Wash.	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	Texas	ISU	KSU	Colo.
Alexander	8/24/1	3/23/0	6/15/0	5/25/0	DNP	DNP	15/90/0	0/0/0	8/60/0	22/110/3	3/22/0	INJ
L. Brown	1/13/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Buckhalter	19/143/2	19/96/0	12/71/0	4/27/1	0/0/0	2/7/1	18/133/3	25/125/0	8/18/0	7/33/1	13/54/0	15/92/0
Christo	DNP	3/11/0	13/32/0	4/20/0	DNP	DNP	7/62/0	20/67/2	7/-3/0	5/34/1	DNP	DNP
Crouch	1/6/0	7/69/2	16/59/2	INJ	1/0/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	17/108/1	15/91/0	22/108/0	17/18/0
Evans	INJ	INJ	INJ	13/146/3	15/41/1	10/31/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	DNP
Gragert	DNP	DNP	DNP	1/3/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kingston	DNP	DNP	DNP	1/3/0	DNP	DNP	2/6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Legate	INJ	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/5/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/23/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
London	0/0/0	1/-2/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
Makovicka	10/47/0	8/27/0	13/77/0	11/65/0	6/9/0	8/51/1	11/61/0	7/31/0	7/11/0	6/30/0	5/28/0	5/21/0
Miller	3/24/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	9/48/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	5/16/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/8/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Newcombe	12/12/2	INJ	INJ	14/79/3	13/22/1	23/56/1	12/26/1	9/33/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
Runty	DNP	DNP	DNP	1/5/0	DNP	DNP	1/26/0	DNP	DNP	1/28/0	DNP	DNP
Soucie	0/0/0	0/0/0	DNP	0/0/0	DNP	DNP	0/0/0	DNP	DNP	1/7/0	DNP	DNP
Stanislav	DNP	DNP	DNP	1/1/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Tillery	INJ	INJ	INJ	1/3/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
White	INJ	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/4/0	DNP	DNP	5/23/0	DNP	DNP	1/0/0	DNP	DNP
Wiggins	2/20/0	2/12/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/1/0	1/-4/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/18/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Team	**56/289/6**	**43/236/3**	**60/254/2**	**68/434/8**	**36/73/2**	**44/141/3**	**79/466/5**	**61/256/2**	**47/194/1**	**62/359/5**	**43/212/0**	**37/131/0**

Season and Career, Most Rushing Yards

Player	1998	Career
Dan Alexander	110 at Iowa State	same
Lance Brown	13 vs. La. Tech	same
Correll Buckhalter	143 vs. La. Tech	same
Monte Christo	67 vs. Missouri	same
Eric Crouch	108 vs. Texas, at K-State	same
DeAngelo Evans	146 vs. Washington	168 vs. Kansas State, 1996
Nick Gragert	3 vs. Washington	same
Ben Kingston	6 vs. Kansas	6 vs. Kansas St., 1996, Kansas
Billy Legate	23 vs. Kansas	same
Joel Makovicka	77 vs. California	129 vs. Washington, 1997
Willie Miller	48 vs. Washington	same
Bobby Newcombe	79 vs. Washington	same
Jay Runty	28 at Iowa State	same
Jeremy Stanislav	1 vs. Washington	5 vs. Iowa State, 1997
Alik Tillery	3 vs. Washington	same
Dan White	23 vs. Kansas	same
Shevin Wiggins	20 vs. La. Tech	same

*Indicates touchdown scored.

Season and Career, Longest Run

1998	Career
22 vs. Texas	same
13 vs. La. Tech	same
52 vs. Colorado	same
42 vs. Kansas	same
*59 vs. UAB	same
*60 vs. Washington	*69 vs. Kansas State, 1996
3 vs. Washington	same
5 vs. Kansas	6 vs. Kansas State, 1996
11 vs. Kansas	14 vs. Baylor, 1997
23 vs. California	43 vs. Washington, 1997
16 vs. Washington	same
20 vs. OSU, at A&M	25 vs. KSU, Texas A&M, 1997
28 at Iowa State	same
1 vs. Washington	5 vs. Iowa State, 1997
3 vs. Washington	same
7 vs. Kansas	same
17 at Iowa State	same

Passing Game-by-Game
(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions/Yards/Touchdowns)

Game	Newcombe	Crouch	Christo
La. Tech	10-9-0/168/1	3-1-0/5/0	DNP
UAB	INJ	17-11-0/127/1	4-4-0/81/1
California	INJ	16-6-1/74/0	12-9-0/106/1
Washington	8-5-0/84/0	INJ	1-1-0/9/0
Okla. State	15-9-0/112/0	1-1-0/30/0	DNP
Texas A&M	27-15-1/204/0	DNP	DNP
Kansas	8-5-0/79/0	DNP	1-0-0/0/0
Missouri	11-7-0/65/0	DNP	5-1-0/7/0
Texas	INJ	13-6-0/59/0	4-4-0/58/0
Iowa State	INJ	8-4-1/44/0	1-0-0/0/0
Kansas State	INJ	21-10-1/139/3	DNP
Colorado	INJ	22-10-1/123/0	DNP

Season and Career, Most Passing Yards

Player	1998	Career
Bobby Newcombe	204 at Texas A&M	same
Eric Crouch	139 at Kansas State	same
Monte Christo	106 vs. California	same

Season and Career, Longest Pass

1998	Career
49 at Texas A&M	same
*45 at Kansas State	same
*63 vs. UAB	same

Receiving (Receptions/Yards/Touchdowns)

Name	La. Tech	UAB	Cal	Wash.	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	Texas	ISU	KSU	CU
L. Brown	1/11/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	0/0/0	1/10/0	0/0/0	1/3/0	0/0/0
Buckhalter	1/12/0	3/18/0	1/-3/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/7/0	1/3/0	2/20/0	1/15/0	0/0/0	1/-6/0	3/29/0
Cheatham	3/19/0	4/37/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/32/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	0/0/0	1/12/0	1/45/1	1/10/0
Davison	2/21/0	1/5/0	6/55/0	1/12/0	3/31/0	10/167/0	2/30/0	1/7/0	1/7/0	1/7/0	2/21/0	2/31/0
DeBates	1/16/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	INJ	INJ	0/0/0
Evans	INJ	INJ	INJ	1/9/0	1/5/0	1/9/0	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	DNP
Haafke	0/0/0	1/6/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	0/0/0	3/23/0	0/0/0	1/16/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
S. Jackson	2/94/1	3/33/1	1/31/0	1/18/0	2/70/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/12/0	3/26/0	0/0/0	4/48/2	1/11/0
Makovicka	0/0/0	1/17/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/25/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/25/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Wiggins	0/0/0	1/29/0	7/97/1	2/45/0	1/4/0	1/5/0	0/0/0	2/17/0	4/59/0	0/0/0	1/28/0	3/42/0
Wistrom	0/0/0	1/63/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	1/21/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Team	**10/173/1**	**15/208/2**	**15/180/1**	**6/93/0**	**10/142/0**	**15/204/0**	**5/79/0**	**8/72/0**	**10/117/0**	**4/44/0**	**10/139/3**	**10/123/0**

Season and Career, Most Receiving Yards

Player	1998	Career
Sean Applegate	none	9 vs. Akron, 1997
Lance Brown	11 vs. La. Tech	59 vs. Baylor, 1997
Correll Buckhalter	29 vs. Colorado	same
Kenny Cheatham	45 at Kansas State	54 vs. Missouri, 1997
Matt Davison	167 at Texas A&M	same
T. J. DeBates	16 vs. La. Tech	same
DeAngelo Evans	9 vs. Washington, at A&M	42 vs. Texas, 1996
John Gibson	none	18 vs. Akron, 1997
Billy Haafke	23 at Texas A&M	same
Sheldon Jackson	94 vs. La. Tech	same
Billy Legate	none	15 vs. Akron, 1997
Joel Makovicka	25 vs. Kansas, at Iowa St.	31 vs. Texas A&M, 1997
Shevin Wiggins	97 vs. California	same
Tracey Wistrom	63 vs. UAB	same

*Indicates touchdown scored.

Season and Career, Longest Catch

1998	Career
none	9 vs. Akron, 1997
11 vs. La. Tech	*41 vs. Oklahoma, 1996
21 vs. Colorado	same
*45 at Kansas State	same
49 at Texas A&M	51 vs. Texas A&M, 1997
16 vs. La. Tech	same
9 vs. Wash. at A&M	22 vs. Texas, 1996
none	18 vs. Akron, 1997
16 vs. Missouri	same
48 vs. La. Tech	same
none	15 vs. Akron, 1997
25 vs. Kansas	31 vs. Texas A&M, 1997
42 vs. Washington	same
*63 vs. UAB	same

Average Starting Field Position

	Neb.	Opp.
Drives Started	148	153
Times Started Inside Own 20	26	28
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	5200	4123
Average Starting Field Position	35.1	26.9

Quarterback Drive Efficiency

Quarterback	Drives Started	Drives Ended By... Scores	TDs	FGs	FGA	Efficiency	Red Zone
Newcombe	55	25	21	4	6	.455	21-24
Crouch	63	24	17	7	9	.381	18-23
Christo	27	9	6	3	6	.333	8-11
Runty	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0
Team	148	58	44	14	21	.392	47-58

Inside the 20

	NU	OPP
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	58	30
Total Scores	47	21
Touchdowns	36	16
Field Goals	11	5
Missed Field Goals	4	1
Turnovers	5	5
Lost on Downs	1	2
End of Half/Game	1	1
Scoring Percentage	.810	.700

Tackles (Solos-Assists-Total)

Name	La. Tech	UAB	Cal	Wash.	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	Texas	ISU	KSU	CU
Alexander	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	INJ
Booker	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
M. Brown	4-4-8	5-3-8	2-4-6	3-1-4	1-11-12	1-5-6	0-2-2	2-7-9	**8-11-19**	1-4-5	**6-6-12**	**4-7-11**
R. Brown	6-1-7	1-1-2	1-2-3	**3-2-5**	0-2-2	1-0-1	1-2-3	3-1-4	2-3-5	2-1-3	1-3-4	6-1-7
Buettenback	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Burrow	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Craver	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-2-2	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-2-5	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-3-4	4-2-6	0-2-2
Foreman	2-4-6	3-3-6	**5-2-7**	**1-4-5**	4-9-13	2-7-9	0-2-2	**3-10-13**	2-8-10	1-4-5	5-5-10	**3-8-11**
Finley	INJ	INJ	INJ	1-1-2	1-1-2	0-5-5	1-3-4	0-4-4	0-2-2	2-3-5	1-0-1	0-3-3
E. Fischer	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Hemje	DNP	0-0-0-	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	DNP	DNP
Hogrefe	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
J. Jackson	1-1-2	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-1-2	2-1-3	1-0-1	INJ	INJ	0-2-2	1-3-4	0-0-0	2-4-6
E. Johnson	**3-6-9**	2-3-5	4-2-6	**4-1-5**	2-4-6	1-4-5	**3-4-7**	1-3-4	3-3-6	2-3-5	6-3-9	2-1-3
Kaiser	1-0-1	2-5-7	1-4-5	1-1-2	0-0-0	4-4-8	2-0-2	1-3-4	1-3-4	2-1-3	1-3-4	0-0-0
Kelsay	4-2-6	3-3-6	4-1-5	2-2-4	3-7-10	**5-6-11**	1-2-3	1-4-5	1-3-4	1-2-3	5-2-7	3-5-8
Kohl	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-1-1
Legate	INJ	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Lohr	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	DNP	1-0-1
Makovicka	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1
McGinn	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
McGraw	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Mehl	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Miller	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Mooberry	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ortiz	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-2-3	INJ	**5-9-14**	2-1-3	0-1-1	3-1-4	2-3-5	4-2-6	2-2-4	0-4-4
Peterson	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Polk	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	4-0-4	2-0-2	0-1-1	0-2-2	1-4-5	1-1-2	3-1-4	1-0-1	0-0-0
Raiola	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1
Raymond	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Reynolds	2-0-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	1-2-3	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Rucker	1-0-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	4-7-11	4-2-6	2-1-3	2-3-5	4-7-11	0-3-3	0-3-3	4-3-7
Ryan	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Shaw	0-0-0	**4-6-10**	2-2-4	0-2-2	0-2-2	3-2-5	0-1-1	1-3-4	0-3-3	0-1-1	2-2-4	0-3-3
Slechta	DNP	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-3-3	DNP	0-0-0	1-2-3	DNP	1-0-1
Swiney	5-2-7	1-2-3	2-0-2	2-2-4	**5-9-14**	2-0-2	0-2-2	1-2-3	1-1-2	**4-4-8**	4-4-8	5-1-6
Toline	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-1-1
Tuttle	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Vanden Bosch	3-0-3	1-2-3	1-1-2	1-2-3	0-2-2	0-2-2	1-3-4	0-1-1	1-2-3	1-2-3	1-1-2	0-0-0
Vanderhoef	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Vedral	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1
Walker	3-3-6	2-2-4	2-1-3	4-0-4	1-6-7	2-3-5	2-1-3	0-0-0	2-3-5	1-2-3	3-3-6	0-4-4
Warren	2-1-3	1-1-2	1-1-2	1-2-3	1-4-5	0-1-1	INJ	0-3-3	DNP	1-1-2	1-2-3	1-1-2
Watchhorn	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-2-2	DNP	DNP
Wichmann	DNP	1-1-2	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Woodward	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP
White	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Wills	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-1	DNP	0-0-0
Wiltz	0-2-2	INJ	INJ	0-0-0	3-6-9	1-3-4	0-3-3	2-3-5	1-3-4	1-1-2	2-4-6	0-2-2

Quarterback Sacks (Number/Yards)

Name	La. Tech	UAB	Cal	Wash.	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	Texas	ISU	KSU	CU
Foreman	0/0	.5/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/4	1/11	0/0	0/0	.5/4
J. Jackson	0/0	1/9	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Johnson	0/0	0/0	2/10	1/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/10	1/6	0/0	0/0	1/10
Kaiser	1/3	1/4	1.5/4	1/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	0/0	0/0	0/0
Kelsay	1/10	0/0	.5/3	1/7	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/7	0/0	1.5/12
Lohr	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/6
Ortiz	0/0	0/0	1/3	INJ	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Polk	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/10	0/0
Rucker	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1.5/12
Shaw	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Slechta	DNP	.5/3	0/0	0/0	DNP	0/0	0/0	DNP	0/0	0/0	DNP	.5/4
Swiney	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/11	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Vanden Bosch	1/13	0/0	1/16	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Wiltz	0/0	INJ	INJ	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/7	0/0	0/0
Totals	**3/26**	**3/19**	**6/36**	**3/17**	**1/11**	**2/11**	**0/0**	**3/19**	**3/22**	**2/14**	**1/10**	**6/48**

Tackles for Loss (Number-Yards)

Name	La. Tech	UAB	Cal	Wash.	OSU	A&M	KU	MU	Texas	ISU	KSU	CU
M. Brown	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/1	0/0	1/1	0/0
R. Brown	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	1/3	0/0
Finley	INJ	INJ	INJ	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/11	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0
Foreman	0/0	1/3	1/4	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/4	2/12	0/0	0/0	1/4
J. Jackson	0/0	1/9	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/10	INJ	INJ	0/0	1/1	0/0	0/0
Johnson	0/0	0/0	2/10	1/5	1/0	0/0	0/0	1/10	2/7	2/9	1/1	1/10
Kaiser	1/3	1/4	2/4	2/6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/5	0/0	2/5	0/0
Kelsay	1/10	1/4	2/4	1/7	1/1	1/2	0/0	0/0	1/0	2/8	1/1	3/15
Kohl	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/3	0/0	0/0
Lohr	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	DNP	1/6
Mehl	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1/3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ortiz	0/0	0/0	1/3	INJ	1/0	1/3	0/0	1/7	1/1	4/14	0/0	0/0
Polk	0/0	1/3	0/0	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/9	1/10	0/0
Reynolds	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	DNP	DNP	0/0	DNP	DNP	0/0	DNP	DNP
Rucker	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/4	0/0	1/2	3/2	1/1	0/0	2/12
Ryan	DNP	0/0	DNP	0/0	DNP	DNP	1/2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Shaw	0/0	0/0	1/2	0/0	0/0	1/3	0/0	1/5	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0
Slechta	DNP	1/3	0/0	0/0	DNP	0/0	0/0	DNP	0/0	1/4	DNP	1/4
Swiney	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/15	1/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Vanden Bosch	2/18	0/0	1/16	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Walker	1/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/0	0/0	1/3	0/0
Warren	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	INJ	0/0	DNP	1/3	0/0	0/0
Wiltz	0/0	INJ	INJ	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/7	0/0	0/0
Totals	**5/36**	**5/26**	**9/45**	**8/27**	**5/18**	**7/23**	**3/17**	**5/28**	**10/37**	**13/60**	**9/35**	**9/51**

1998 Big 12 Standings

North Division	Conference				Overall					
Team	W	L	Pct.	PF-PA	W	L	Pct.	PF-PA	Bowl	Natl. Rank
Kansas State	8	0	1.000	342-110	11	1	.917	576-160	Alamo vs. Purdue	4/4
Nebraska	5	3	.625	210-139	9	3	.750	383-183	Holiday vs. Arizona	14/26
Missouri	5	3	.625	214-160	7	4	.636	300-205	Insight.com vs. West Virginia	23/--
Colorado	4	4	.500	155-169	7	4	.636	251-210	Aloha vs. Oregon	
Kansas	1	7	.125	155-269	4	7	.364	280-341		
Iowa State	1	7	.125	135-288	3	8	.273	221-328		

South Division	Conference				Overall					
Team	W	L	Pct.	PF-PA	W	L	Pct.	PF-PA	Bowl	Natl. Rank
Texas A&M	7	1	.875	191-112	11	2	.846	321-190	Sugar vs. Ohio State	8/9
Texas	6	2	.750	243-220	8	3	.727	399-346	Cotton vs. Mississippi State	20/22
Texas Tech	4	4	.500	198-189	7	4	.636	297-220	Independence vs. Mississippi	
Oklahoma State	3	5	.375	197-218	5	6	.455	303-296		
Oklahoma	3	5	.375	125-198	5	6	.455	184-230		
Baylor	1	7	.125	142-239	2	9	.182	195-323		

Big 12 Championship Game: Texas A&M 36, Kansas State 33 (2OT)

Big 12 Team Statistics

Rushing Offense

No.	Team	G	Att.	Yards	Avg. Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	**Nebraska (6)**	**12**	**636**	**3045**	**4.8**	**37**	**253.8**
2.	Missouri (9)	11	546	2552	4.7	28	232.0
3.	Kansas St. (12)	12	571	2699	4.7	42	224.5
4.	Oklahoma St. (19)	11	550	2249	4.1	26	204.5
5.	Texas (21)	11	444	2246	5.1	30	204.2
6.	Texas Tech (24)	11	535	2219	4.1	17	201.7
7.	Oklahoma (34)	11	527	2017	3.8	10	183.4
8.	Texas A&M (54)	13	594	1985	3.3	21	152.7
9.	Kansas (60)	11	428	1638	3.8	19	148.9
10.	Iowa St. (81)	11	394	1417	3.6	14	128.8
11.	Colorado (88)	11	453	1355	3.0	10	123.2
12.	Baylor (99)	11	439	1214	2.8	14	110.4

Passing Offense

No.	Team	G	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yards	Yds./ Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	Texas (19)	11	318	188	12	59.1	2931	9.2	19	266.5
2.	Kansas St. (23)	12	316	179	5	56.6	3043	9.6	23	253.6
3.	Iowa State (58)	11	365	183	21	50.1	2275	6.2	14	206.8
4.	Texas Tech (65)	11	286	151	10	52.8	2230	7.8	15	202.7
5.	Colorado (66)	11	306	173	8	56.5	2226	7.3	15	202.4
6.	Kansas (81)	11	270	133	9	49.3	1879	7.0	9	170.8
7.	Baylor (85)	11	292	151	14	51.7	1831	6.3	4	166.5
8.	Oklahoma St. (86)	11	246	124	7	50.4	1783	7.2	10	162.1
9.	Texas A&M (87)	13	262	137	5	52.3	2071	7.9	15	159.3
10.	**Nebraska (98)**	**12**	**208**	**118**	**5**	**56.7**	**1574**	**7.6**	**7**	**131.2**
11.	Missouri (102)	11	187	88	5	47.1	1298	6.9	9	118.0
12.	Oklahoma (107)	11	183	79	16	43.2	1209	6.6	9	109.9

Total Offense

No.	Team	G	Att.	Yards	Avg./ Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	Kansas St. (9)	11	887	5742	6.5	65	475.50
2.	Texas (11)	11	762	5177	6.8	49	470.64
3.	Texas Tech (29)	11	821	4449	5.4	32	404.45
4.	**Nebraska (39)**	**12**	**844**	**4619**	**5.5**	**44**	**384.92**
5.	Oklahoma St. (58)	11	796	4032	5.1	36	366.55
6.	Missouri (69)	11	733	3850	5.3	37	350.00
7.	Iowa St. (73)	11	759	3692	4.9	28	335.64
8.	Colorado (81)	11	759	3581	4.7	25	325.55
9.	Kansas (85)	11	698	3517	5.0	28	319.73
10.	Texas A&M (91)	13	856	4056	4.7	36	312.00
11.	Oklahoma (101)	11	710	3226	4.5	19	293.27
12.	Baylor (106)	11	731	3045	4.2	18	276.82

Net Punting

No.	Team	Punts	Avg	No. Ret.	Opp Yds.	Net Avg.
1.	Kansas St. (3)	31	42.4	9	56	40.6
2.	**Nebraska (7)**	**54**	**43.8**	**23**	**239**	**39.4**
3.	Texas A&M (9)	80	43.6	35	347	39.2
4.	Baylor (15)	74	42.7	34	311	38.5
5.	Oklahoma (21)	66	40.2	28	169	37.7
6.	Oklahoma St. (35)	69	40.5	26	255	36.8
7.	Iowa St. (52)	59	40.0	19	232	36.0
8.	Colorado (57)	56	40.1	28	237	35.8
9.	Missouri (86)	50	39.8	23	321	33.4
10.	Kansas (89)	65	36.6	30	224	33.1
11.	Texas Tech (103)	57	36.7	30	262	32.1
12.	Texas (108)	52	37.8	25	314	31.7

Kickoff Returns

No.	Team	Games	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1.	Colorado (4)	11	29	726	0	25.0
2.	Texas Tech (9)	11	25	598	0	23.9
3.	Kansas St. (17)	12	23	531	0	23.1
4.	Missouri (26)	11	34	755	0	22.2
6.	Oklahoma St. (44)	11	43	920	0	21.4
5.	Texas A&M (49)	13	27	568	0	21.0
7.	**Nebraska (50)**	**12**	**29**	**609**	**1**	**21.0**
8.	Oklahoma (51)	11	32	670	0	20.9
9.	Iowa State (56)	11	35	723	0	20.7
10.	Baylor (78)	11	44	858	0	19.5
11.	Kansas (81)	11	38	731	0	19.2
12.	Texas (94)	11	41	767	0	18.7

Punt Returns

No.	Team	Games	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1.	Kansas St. (1)	12	39	832	5	21.3
2.	Colorado (3)	11	28	449	3	16.0
3.	Kansas (13)	11	21	280	2	13.3
4.	**Nebraska (25)**	**12**	**38**	**437**	**1**	**11.5**
5.	Oklahoma St. (33)	11	28	312	0	11.1
6.	Oklahoma (44)	11	45	471	1	10.5
7.	Texas A&M (59)	13	47	410	1	8.7
8.	Baylor (66)	11	27	223	1	8.3
9.	Texas Tech (80)	11	31	225	0	7.3
10.	Iowa St. (88)	11	16	107	0	6.7
11.	Texas (98)	11	21	125	0	6.0
12.	Missouri (103)	11	11	63	0	5.7

Scoring Offense

No.	Team	Gms.	Pts.	Avg.	TD	K XP	O XP	D XP	XO	FG	Saf
1.	Kansas St. (1)	12	576	48.0	73	70	1	0	0	22	0
2.	Texas (11)	11	399	36.3	49	47	2	1	1	16	0
3.	**Nebraska (23)**	**12**	**383**	**31.9**	**49**	**47**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**0**
4.	Oklahoma St. (42)	11	303	27.5	37	32	2	0	0	15	0
5.	Missouri (43)	11	300	27.3	42	34	1	0	0	4	0
6.	Texas Tech (46)	11	297	27.0	34	28	4	0	0	19	0
7.	Kansas (51)	11	280	25.5	35	28	3	0	0	12	0
8.	Texas A&M (55)	13	321	24.7	39	31	4	0	0	16	0
9.	Colorado (68)	11	251	22.8	29	23	1	0	0	16	2
10.	Iowa St. (88)	11	221	20.1	28	24	1	0	0	9	0
11.	Baylor (100)	11	195	17.7	23	19	0	0	0	12	1
12.	Oklahoma (101)	11	184	16.7	21	16	0	0	0	14	0

Turnover Margin

No.	Team	Turnovers Gained Fum	Int.	Total	Turnovers Lost Fum	Int	Total	Game
1.	Texas A&M (7)	16	15	32	10	5	15	+1.23
2.	Kansas St. (9)	17	16	33	14	5	19	+1.17
3.	**Nebraska (19)**	**13**	**14**	**27**	**13**	**5**	**18**	**+.75**
4.	Missouri (21)	12	13	25	13	5	18	+.64
5.	Oklahoma St. (30)	9	14	23	12	7	19	+.36
6.	Baylor (35)	13	10	23	6	14	20	+.27
7.	Colorado (46)	11	11	22	13	8	21	+.09
8.	Kansas (58)	11	12	23	16	9	25	-.18
9.	Texas (67)	14	7	21	12	12	24	-.27
10.	Texas Tech (83)	10	10	20	16	10	26	-.55
10.	Oklahoma (83)	11	9	20	10	16	26	-.55
12.	Iowa St. (95)	11	5	16	4	21	25	-.82

Rushing Defense

No.	Team	G	Att.	Yards	Avg./ Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	Kansas St. (10)	12	433	1179	2.7	3	98.3
2.	**Nebraska (16)**	**12**	**466**	**1402**	**3.0**	**8**	**116.8**
4.	Texas Tech (19)	11	454	1308	2.9	11	118.9
5.	Oklahoma St. (20)	11	409	1314	3.2	14	119.5
6.	Oklahoma (21)	11	429	1332	3.1	12	121.1
3.	Texas A&M (22)	13	497	1582	3.2	13	121.7
7.	Texas (45)	11	465	1578	3.4	19	143.5
8.	Colorado (50)	11	450	1623	3.6	16	147.5
9.	Missouri (64)	11	451	1761	3.9	12	160.1
10.	Baylor (99)	11	490	2355	4.8	25	214.1
11.	Iowa St. (103)	11	521	2431	4.7	27	221.0
12.	Kansas (107)	11	560	2592	4.6	32	235.6

Scoring Defense

No.	Team	Gms.	Pts.	Avg.	TD	K XP	O XP	D XP	XO	FG	Saf
1.	Kansas St. (6)	12	160	13.3	19	11	0	0	0	11	0
2.	Texas A&M (10)	13	190	14.6	21	19	0	0	0	15	0
3.	**Nebraska (11)**	**12**	**183**	**15.3**	**24**	**19**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**
4.	Missouri (22)	11	205	18.6	21	14	4	0	0	19	0
5.	Colorado (24)	11	210	19.1	24	19	1	0	0	15	0
6.	Texas Tech (30)	11	220	20.0	25	22	0	0	0	16	0
7.	Oklahoma (36)	11	229	20.8	28	18	2	0	0	13	0
8.	Oklahoma St. (60)	11	296	26.9	38	33	1	0	0	11	0
9.	Baylor (81)	11	323	29.4	40	37	3	0	0	12	2
10.	Texas (83)	11	326	29.6	42	32	3	0	0	12	0
11.	Iowa St. (85)	11	328	29.8	43	40	1	1	1	8	0
12.	Kansas (92)	11	341	31.0	43	41	0	0	0	14	0

Passing Defense

No.	Team	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Points
1.	Colorado (4)	290	138	1633	4	11	91.9
2.	Kansas St. (9)	325	141	2041	15	16	101.2
3.	Texas A&M (15)	374	208	2179	10	15	105.4
4.	Missouri (27)	270	155	1686	8	13	110.0
5.	Oklahoma (29)	265	125	1735	12	9	110.3
6.	Kansas (33)	239	123	1670	8	12	111.2
7.	**Nebraska (34)**	**347**	**174**	**2362**	**13**	**14**	**111.6**
8.	Texas Tech (39)	256	125	1827	10	10	113.9
9.	Baylor (74)	291	147	2499	13	10	130.5
10.	Oklahoma St. (80)	285	147	2315	19	14	132.0
11.	Texas (92)	295	153	2430	20	7	138.7
12.	Iowa St. (95)	230	126	1983	13	5	141.5

Total Defense

No.	Team	G	Att.	Yards	Avg./ Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	Kansas St. (3)	12	759	3220	4.2	18	268.3
2.	Oklahoma (6)	11	694	3067	4.4	24	278.8
3.	Texas Tech (8)	11	710	3135	4.4	21	285.0
4.	Texas A&M (10)	13	871	3764	4.3	21	289.3
5.	Colorado (13)	11	740	3256	4.4	20	296.0
6.	Missouri (21)	11	721	3447	4.8	20	313.4
7.	**Nebraska (22)**	**12**	**813**	**3764**	**4.6**	**21**	**313.7**
8.	Oklahoma St. (29)	11	694	3629	5.2	33	329.9
9.	Texas (57)	11	760	4008	5.3	39	364.4
10.	Kansas (70)	11	99	4262	5.3	40	387.5
11.	Iowa St. (86)	11	751	4414	5.9	40	401.3
12.	Baylor (101)	11	781	4854	6.2	38	441.3

Big 12 Individual Statistics

Total Offense

No.	Name	G	Att	Yds	Passes	Yds	Plays	Yds	Yds/Game
1.	Michael Bishop, Kansas St. (10)	12	177	748	295	2844	472	3592	299.33
2.	Major Applewhite, Texas	11	33	-63	273	2453	306	2390	217.27
3.	Todd Bandhauer, Iowa St.	11	28	-39	355	2206	383	2167	197.01
4.	Ricky Williams, Texas	11	361	2124	2	0	363	2124	193.09
5.	Mike Moschetti, Colorado	11	101	-55	276	2104	377	2049	186.27
6.	Tony Lindsay, Oklahoma St.	11	151	593	196	1442	347	2035	185.00
7.	Corby Jones, Missouri	11	168	536	178	1281	346	1817	165.18
8.	Ricky Williams, Texas Tech	11	306	1582	0	0	306	1582	143.82
9.	Devin West, Missouri	11	283	1578	1	0	284	1578	143.45
10.	Rob Peters, Texas Tech	10	105	125	183	1269	288	1394	139.40
21.	**Correll Buckhalter, Nebraska**	**12**	**142**	**799**	**0**	**0**	**142**	**799**	**66.58**
24.	**Dan Alexander, Nebraska**	**9**	**70**	**369**	**0**	**0**	**70**	**369**	**41.00**

Pass Efficiency

No.	Name	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	Yds./Att.	TD	Points
1.	Michael Bishop, Kansas St. (6)	295	164	.556	4	2844	9.64	23	159.6
2.	Major Applewhite, Texas (15)	273	159	.582	11	2453	8.99	18	147.4
3.	Matt Tittle, Texas Tech	103	55	.534	6	961	9.33	6	139.3
4.	Mike Moschetti, Colorado	276	162	.587	7	2104	7.62	15	135.6
5.	Randy McCown, Texas A&M	130	66	.508	3	1025	7.88	6	127.6
6.	Rob Peters, Texas Tech	183	96	.525	4	1269	6.93	9	122.6
7.	Corby Jones, Missouri	178	87	.489	5	1281	7.20	9	120.4
8.	Tony Lindsay, Oklahoma St.	196	97	.495	6	1442	7.36	7	117.0
9.	Zac Wegner, Kansas	186	91	.489	6	1367	7.35	7	116.6
10.	Todd Bandhauer, Iowa State	355	179	.504	20	2206	6.21	14	104.4
-	**Bobby Newcombe, Nebraska**	**79**	**50**	**.633**	**1**	**601**	**9.01**	**1**	**140.64**

Rushing

No.	Name	G	Att.	Yards	Avg./ Att.	TD	Avg./ Game
1.	Ricky Williams, Texas (1)	11	361	2124	5.9	27	193.09
2.	Ricky Williams, Tx Tech (4)	11	306	1582	5.2	13	143.8
3.	Devin West, MU (5)	11	283	1578	5.6	17	143.45
4.	Darren Davis, ISU (22)	11	294	1166	4.0	7	106.00
5.	De'mond Parker, OU	11	204	1077	5.3	5	97.91
6.	David Winbush, KU	11	209	974	4.7	9	88.55
7.	Nathan Simmons, OSU	11	204	937	4.6	5	85.18
8.	Eric Hickson, KSU	11	169	902	5.3	9	82.00
9.	Dante Hall, Tx A&M	13	243	1024	4.2	8	78.77
10.	**Correll Buckhalter, NU**	**12**	**142**	**799**	**5.6**	**8**	**66.58**

Receptions Per Game

No.	Name	G	Rec.	Yards	TD	Rec/Game
1.	Darnell McDonald, KSU (19)	12	75	1092	9	6.26
2.	Wane McGarity, Texas	11	58	1087	9	5.27
3.	Darrin Chiaverini, CU	11	52	630	5	4.73
4.	Kwame Cavil, Texas	11	51	775	3	4.64
5.	Donnie Hart, Tx Tech	11	48	871	7	4.36
6.	Damian Groce, ISU	11	47	640	7	4.27
7.	Chris Anthony, ISU	11	42	490	2	3.82
8.	Aaron Lockett, KSU	11	44	928	6	3.67
9.	Javon Green, CU	11	39	539	4	3.55
10.	Morris Anderson, BU	11	37	639	3	3.36
10.	Derek Lagway, BU	11	37	266	0	3.36
14.	**Matt Davison, NU**	**12**	**32**	**394**	**0**	**2.67**

Receiving Yards Per Game

No.	Name	G	Rec.	Yards	TD	Yds/Game
1.	Wane McGarity, Texas (20)	11	58	1087	9	98.82
2.	Darnell McDonald, KSU (24)	12	75	1092	9	91.00
3.	Donnie Hart, Tx Tech	11	48	871	7	79.18
4.	Aaron Lockett, KSU	12	44	928	6	77.33
5.	Kwame Cavil, Texas	11	51	775	3	70.45
6.	Damian Groce, ISU	11	47	640	7	58.18
7.	Morris Anderson, BU	11	37	639	3	58.09
8.	Darrin Chiaverini, CU	11	52	630	5	57.27
9.	Chris Cole, Tx A&M	13	38	667	5	51.31
10.	Javon Green, CU	11	39	539	4	49.00
18.	**Matt Davison, NU**	**12**	**32**	**394**	**0**	**32.83**
22.	**Sheldon Jackson, NU**	**12**	**19**	**343**	**4**	**28.58**
24.	**Shevin Wiggins, NU**	**12**	**22**	**326**	**1**	**27.17**

Scoring Offense

No.	Name	G	TD	EX	FG	Pts	Pts/Game
1.	Ricky Williams, Texas (2)	11	28	0	0	168	15.27
2.	Martin Gramatica, KSU (3)	12	0	69	22	135	11.25
3.	Devin West, MU (9)	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
4.	Kris Stockton, Texas (18)	11	0	46	16	94	8.55
5.	**Kris Brown, NU**	**12**	**0**	**47**	**14**	**89**	**7.42**
6.	Ricky Williams, Tx Tech	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
7.	Michael Bishop, KSU	12	13	0	0	78	7.00
7.	Tim Sydnes, OSU	11	0	32	15	77	7.00
9.	Chris Birkholz, Tx Tech	11	0	23	16	71	6.45
10.	Jeremy Aldrich, CU	11	0	22	16	70	6.36

Kickoff Returns

No.	Team	Games	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1.	John Norman, Tx Tech (14)	11	15	396	0	26.40
2.	Jamaal Fobbs, OSU	10	22	534	0	24.27
3.	Ben Kelly, CU	11	20	474	0	23.70
4.	Mitch Bowles, KU	11	16	377	0	23.56
5.	Jeremy Jones, Texas	11	14	322	0	23.00
6.	**Joe Walker, NU**	**12**	**17**	**366**	**1**	**21.53**
7.	Elijah Burkins, BU	11	23	462	0	20.09
8.	Kevin Wilson, ISU	11	19	375	0	19.74

(only eight players reached the 1.2 return/game minumum).

Punt Returns

No.	Team	Games	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
1.	David Allen, KSU (1)	12	33	730	4	22.12
2.	**Joe Walker, NU**	**12**	**25**	**283**	**1**	**11.32**
3.	Terrance Richardson, OSU	11	28	312	0	11.14
4.	Jarrail Jackson, OU	11	37	410	0	11.08
5.	Henri Childs, KU	11	15	166	1	11.07
6.	John Norman, Tx Tech	11	21	171	0	8.14
7.	Chris Taylor, Tx A&M	13	37	285	0	7.70
8.	Hodges Mitchell, Texas	10	17	125	0	7.35
9.	Andra Fuller, BU	11	17	119	0	7.00

(only nine players reached the 1.2 return/game minumum).

All-Purpose Yards

No.	Name	G	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	Total	Yds/ Game
1.	Ricky Williams, Texas (2)	11	2124	262	0	0	2386	216.91
2.	Ricky Williams, Tx Tech (12)	11	1582	176	0	0	1758	159.82
3.	Devin West, MU (16)	11	1578	43	0	0	1621	147.36
4.	De'mond Parker, OU	11	1077	176	0	198	1451	131.91
5.	Darren Davis, ISU	11	1166	242	0	0	1408	128.00
6.	David Winbush, KU	11	974	75	0	146	1195	108.64
7.	Dante Hall, Tx A&M	13	1024	92	28	172	1316	101.23
8.	Jamaal Fobbs, OSU	10	408	60	0	534	1002	100.20
9.	Wane McGarity, Texas	11	0	1087	0	0	1087	98.82
10.	Mitch Bowles, KU	11	438	223	0	377	1038	94.36
17.	**Correll Buckhalter, NU**	**12**	**799**	**88**	**0**	**0**	**887**	**73.92**

Field Goals

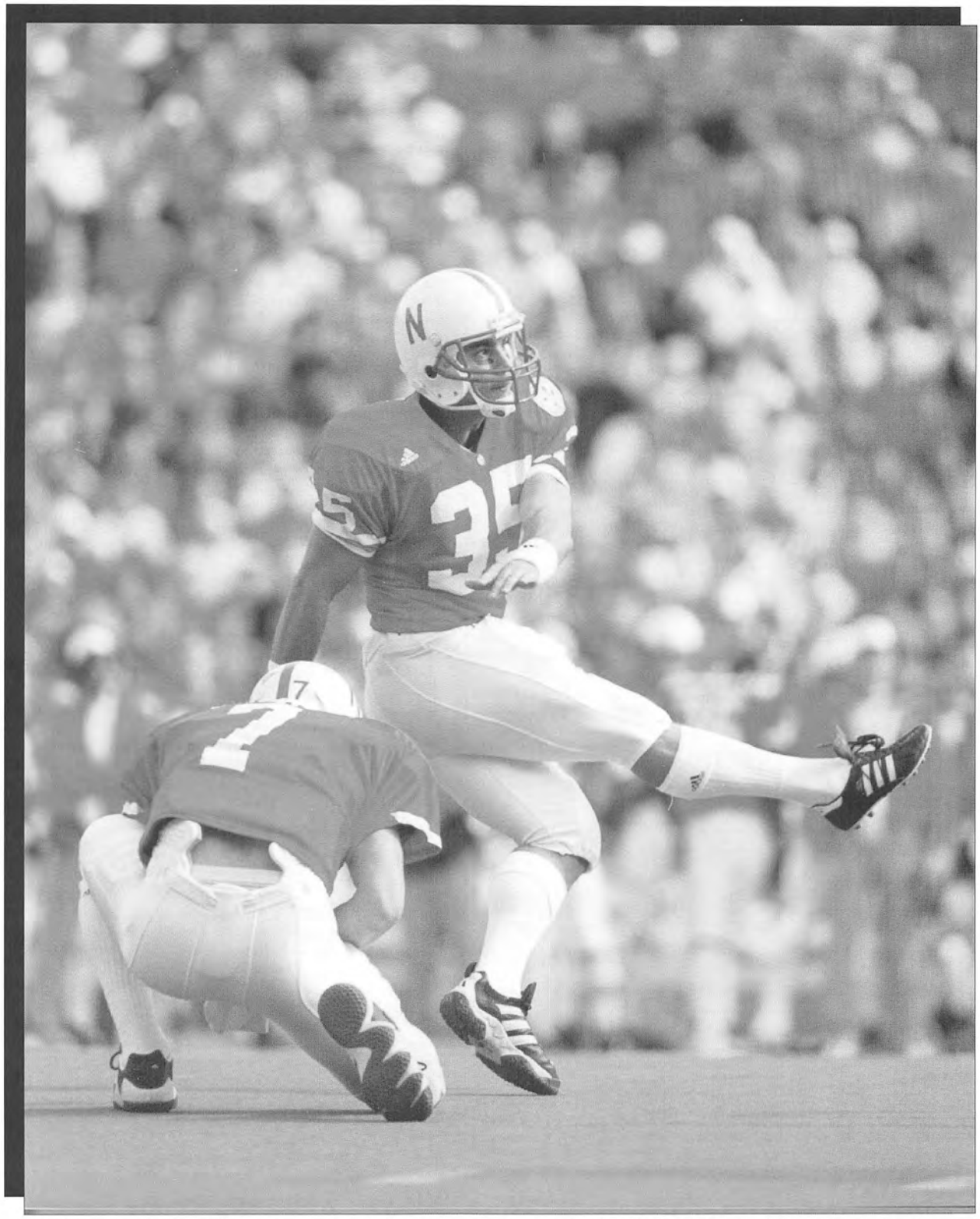
No.	Name	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FG/Game
1.	Martin Gramatica, KSU (6)	12	31	22	.710	1.83
2.	Kris Stockton, Texas (16)	11	21	16	.762	1.45
2.	Chris Birkholz, Tx Tech (16)	11	21	16	.762	1.45
2.	Jeremy Aldrich, CU (16)	11	22	16	.727	1.45
5.	Tim Sydnes, OSU	11	18	15	.833	1.36
6.	Russell Bynum, Tx A&M	13	20	16	.800	1.23
7.	**Kris Brown, NU**	**12**	**21**	**14**	**.667**	**1.17**
8.	Matt Bryant, BU	11	15	12	.800	1.09
8.	Joe Garcia, KU	11	17	12	.706	1.09
10.	Matt Reeves, OU	11	13	10	.769	.91

Punting

No.	Name (minimum 3.6 punts/game)	G	Punts	Yards	Avg.
1.	**Bill Lafleur, NU (5)**	**12**	**52**	**2337**	**44.94**
2.	Shane Lechler,Tx A&M (13)	13	80	3485	43.56
3.	Kyle Atteberry, BU (15)	11	73	3158	43.26
4.	Scott Elder, OSU	10	63	2642	41.94
5.	Nick Pietsch, CU	11	54	2243	41.54
6.	Vince Sebo, MU	11	44	1827	41.52
7.	Jeff Ferguson, OU	11	61	2529	41.46
8.	Carl Gomez, ISU	11	59	2358	39.97
9.	Matt Tyler, KU	11	63	2339	37.13
10.	Kris Stockton, Texas	11	40	1442	36.05

Interceptions Per Game

No.	Name	G	Int.	Yards	TD	Int./Game
1.	Wade Perkins, MU (5)	11	6	129	1	.55
2.	Gary Baxter, BU	11	4	87	0	.36
2.	Harold Piersey, MU	11	4	12	0	.36
2.	Ben Kelly, CU	11	4	1	0	.36
2.	Corey Ivy, OU	11	4	0	0	.36
5.	**Clint Finley, NU**	**9**	**3**	**63**	**1**	**.33**
5.	Muhammad Abdul-Rahim, KU	9	3	5	0	.33
6.	Brandon Jennings, Tx A&M	13	4	4	0	.31
9.	**Joe Walker, NU**	**12**	**3**	**65**	**1**	**.25**
9.	**Jeff Kelly, KSU**	**12**	**3**	**18**	**1**	**.25**



Senior place-kicker Kris Brown needs only three points to become Nebraska's all-time leading scorer in bowl games.

Bowl Records

Nebraska Bowl Records

Team Records

Total Offense

Most Plays ..... 90; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Most Yards ..... 629; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Yards ..... 110; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke
Best Per-Play Average ..... 7.6; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most First Downs ..... 30; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
..... 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
Fewest First Downs ..... 6; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke

Rushing

Most Attempts ..... 68; 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee,
..... 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Yards ..... 524; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Best Per-Rush Average ..... 7.7; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Rushing Attempts ..... 24; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
Fewest Rushing Yards ..... 68; 1941 Rose Bowl vs. Stanford
Most Touchdowns ..... 6; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida,
..... 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee

Passing

Most Attempts ..... 38; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Fewest Attempts ..... 9; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke,
..... 1964 Orange Bowl vs. Auburn
Most Completions ..... 22; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Fewest Completions ..... 1; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke
Most Interceptions Thrown ..... 5; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Yards ..... 260; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Fewest Yards ..... 16; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
Most Touchdowns ..... 3; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama,
..... 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Highest Completion Percentage 824 (14-17);
..... 1977 Liberty Bowl vs. North Carolina
Lowest Completion Percentage .....
..... .111(1-9);
..... 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke

Interceptions

Most Passes Intercepted ..... 6; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
Most Return Yards ..... 68; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia

Punting

Most Punts ..... 10; 1980 Cotton Bowl vs. Houston
Best Average ..... 44.8; 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State

Scoring

Most Points ..... 62; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Touchdowns ..... 8; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Largest Margin of Victory ..... 39; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
Largest Margin of Defeat ..... 27; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke,
..... 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Points in a Loss ..... 30; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fl.
Fewest Points in a Win ..... 13; 1964 Orange Bowl vs. Auburn,
..... 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
Most Points in a Quarter ..... 29 (second); 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Points Scored ..... 0; 1992 Orange Bowl vs Miami, Fl.

Turnovers

Most Fumbles ..... 6; 1986 Fiesta Bowl vs. Michigan
..... 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fl.
Most Fumbles Lost ..... 4; 1983 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State,
..... 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
Fewest Fumbles ..... 0; Seven games
Most Turnovers (fumbles & interceptions) .... 7; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama

Penalties

Most Penalties ..... 11; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Yards Penalized ..... 115; 1994 Orange Bowl, vs. Miami, Fla.
Fewest Penalties ..... 1; 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech
Fewest Yards Penalized .. 5; 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech

Individual Records

Total Offense

Most Yards Gained .... 230; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Best Per-Play Average .... 16.4; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Most TDs Responsible ..... 4; Bob Churchich, 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
..... 4; Craig Sundberg, 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
..... 4; Johnny Rodgers, 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame

Rushing

Most Attempts ..... 29; Ahman Green, 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
Most Yards ..... 206; Ahman Green, 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
Best Per-Rush Average ... 12.4; Tommie Frazier, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Longest Rush ..... 75; Tommie Frazier, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Rushing TDs ..... 3; Scott Frost, 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
..... 3; Johnny Rodgers, 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame

Passing

Most Attempts ..... 34; Bob Churchich, 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Completions .... 21; Bob Churchich, 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Interceptions Thrown .... 4; David Humm, 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
Most Yards ..... 230; Bob Churchich, 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Touchdowns ..... 3; Bob Churchich, 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
..... 3; Craig Sundberg, 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Best Percentage . .846 (11-13); Tom Sorley, 1977 Liberty Bowl vs. North Carolina
Longest TD Pass ..... 52 yards; Johnny Rodgers to Frosty Anderson,
..... 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
..... 52; Jeff Quinn to Tim McCardy, 1980 Sun Bowl vs. Mississippi State
Shortest TD Pass ..... 1 yard; Gerald Armstrong from Tommie Frazier,
..... 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State

Receiving

Most Receptions ..... 6; Tom Penny, 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
..... 6; Bobby Thomas, 1975 Fiesta Bowl vs. Arizona State
..... 6; Dennis Richnasky, 1967 Sugar Bowl vs Alabama
Most Yards ..... 138; Johnny Mitchell, 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech
Most TD's ..... 2; Tony Jeter, 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
..... 2; Todd Frain, 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Longest Reception ..... 56; Jerry Tagge to Johnny Rodgers
..... 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame

Interceptions

Most Interceptions ... 2; Chad Daffer, 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
..... 2; Charles Fryar, 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
..... 2; Tyronne Legette, 1992 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Return Yards ..... 65; Steve Manstedt, 1974 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas
Longest Return ..... 65; Steve Manstedt, 1974 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas
Passes Broken Up .... 3; Barron Miles, 1995 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
..... 3; Tyrone Williams, 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
..... 3; Michael Booker, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida

Punting

Most Punts ..... 10; Tim Smith, 1980 Cotton Bowl vs. Houston
Best Average ..... 44.8; Mike Stigge, 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
Longest Punt ..... 62; Grant Campbell, 1982 Orange Bowl vs. Clemson

Punt Returns

Most Returns ..... 6; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Most Yards Returned ... 136; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Longest Return ..... 77; Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame

Kickoff Returns

Most Returns ..... 5; Damon Benning, 1995 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
..... 5; Richard Bell,1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Yards Return ... 130; Frank Solich, 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
Longest Return ..... 92; Willie Ross, 1962 Gotham Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.

Scoring

Most Points ..... 24; Johnny Rodgers, 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Most Touchdowns .. 4; Johnny Rodgers, 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
Longest TD Play .... 92; Willie Ross (kickoff), 1962 Gotham Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Field Goals ..... 4; Paul Rodgers, 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
Longest Field Goal ..... 50; Paul Rodgers, 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
..... 50; Gregg Barrios, 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most PATs ..... 5; Kris Brown, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs, Florida

Nebraska Bowl Records -- Opponents

Team

Total Offense

Most Plays ..... 86; Alabama, 1966 Orange Bowl
Most Yards ..... 518; Alabama, 1966 Orange Bowl
Fewest Yards ..... 176; Arkansas, 1965 Cotton Bowl
Best Per-Play Average ..... 7.6; Florida State, 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Most First Downs ..... 34; Miami, Fla., 1962 Gotham Bowl
Fewest First Downs ..... 10; , Louisiana State, 1987 Sugar Bowl

Rushing

Most Attempts ..... 64; Duke, 1955 Orange Bowl
Most Yards ..... 292; Oklahoma, 1979 Orange Bowl
Best Per-Rush Average ..... 5.5; Oklahoma, 1979 Orange Bowl
Fewest Rushing Attempts ..... 21; Miami, Fla., 1998 Orange Bowl
Fewest Rushing Yards ..... Minus 28; Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl

Passing

Most Attempts ..... 51, Florida State, 1988 Fiesta Bowl
Most Completions ..... 28; Florida State, 1988 Fiesta Bowl
Most Interceptions Thrown ..... 6; Georgia, 1969 Sun Bowl
Most Yards ..... 422; Florida State, 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Fewest Yards ..... 47; Alabama, 1972 Orange Bowl
..... Oklahoma, 1979 Orange Bowl
Most Touchdowns ..... 5; Florida State, 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Best Completion Percentage ..... .714 (25-35); Tennessee, 1998 Orange Bowl
Worst Completion Percentage ..... .231 (2-13); Alabama, 1972 Orange Bowl
Fewest Attempts ..... 3, Oklahoma, 1979 Orange Bowl
Fewest Completions ..... 2; Oklahoma, 1979 Orange Bowl

Interceptions

Most Interceptions ..... 5, Alabama; 1967 Sugar Bowl
Most Return Yards ..... 84, Florida, ; 1974 Sugar Bowl

Punting

Most Punts ..... 10, Georgia; 1969 Sugar Bowl
Best Average ..... 52.3, Tennessee; 1998 Orange Bowl

Scoring

Most Points ..... 45, Georgia Tech; 1991 Citrus Bowl
Most Touchdowns ..... 6; Florida State, 1990 Fiesta Bowl,
..... Georgia Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
Largest Margin of Victory ..... 24; Duke, 1955 Orange Bowl,
..... Alabama, 1967 Sugar Bowl
Fewest Points in a Win ..... 10; Arkansas, 1965 Cotton Bowl
Most Points in a Quarter ..... 24 (third); Michigan, 1986 Fiesta Bowl
Fewest Points Scored ..... 3; Texas, 1974 Cotton Bowl

Turnovers

Most Fumbles ..... 7; Houston, 1980 Cotton Bowl
Most Fumbles Lost ..... 4; Mississippi State, 1980 Sun Bowl
Fewest Fumbles ..... 0; Five times
Most Turnovers (fumbles & interceptions) ..... 9; Georgia, 1969 Sun Bowl

Penalties

Most Penalties ..... 13; Florida State, 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Most Yards Penalized ..... 143; Miami, 1992 Orange Bowl
Fewest Penalties ..... 1; Alabama, 1967 Sugar Bowl
Fewest Yards Penalized ..... 15; Alabama, 1967 Sugar Bowl

Individual

Total Offense

Most Yards Gained ..... 227; Reidel Anthony, Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Best Per-Play Average 25.2; Reidel Anthony, Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Most TDs Responsible ... 5; Peter Tom Willis, Florida St., 1990 Fiesta Bowl

Rushing

Most Attempts ..... 30; Larry Jones, Miami, 1992 Orange Bowl
Most Yards ..... 156; Jamie Morris, Michigan, 1988 Fiest Bowl
Best Per-Rush Average .... 7.5; Ken Oxendine, Va. Tech, 1996 Orange Bowl
Longest Rush ..... 57; William Bell, Ga. Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
Longest Rushing TD ..... 57; William Bell, Ga. Tech; 1991 Citrus Bowl
Most Rushing TDs ..... 2; William Bell, Ga. Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
..... 2; Nick Ryder, Miami, 1962 Gotham Bowl,
..... 2; Monte Anthony, Arizona St., 1975 Fiesta Bowl

Passing

Most Attempts ..... 51; Danny McManus, Florida St., 1988 Fiesta Bowl
Most Completions .. 28; Danny McManus, Florida St., 1988 Fiesta Bowl
Most Interceptions Thrown ..... 5; Paul Gilbert, Georgia, 1969 Sun Bowl
Most Yards ..... 422; Peter Tom Willis, Florida St., 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Most Touchdowns ..... 5; Peter Tom Willis, Florida St., 1990 Fiesta Bowl
Best Percentage .696 (16-23) Shawn Jones, Ga. Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
Longest TD Pass ..... 45; Ray Perkins from Kenny Stabler, Alabama,
..... 1967 Sugar Bowl

Receiving

Most Receptions ..... 9; Ray Perkins, Alabama, 1966 Orange Bowl
..... 9; Andy Hamilton, LSU, 1971 Orange Bowl
Most Yards ..... 178; Ray Perkins, Alabama, 1969 Sugar Bowl
Most Touchdowns ..... 2; six players
Longest Reception ..... 49; Rogie Magge, LSU, 1985 Sugar Bowl

Interceptions

Most Interceptions ..... 3; Bobby Johns, Alabama, 1967 Sugar Bowl
Most Return Yards ..... 42; Hurlie Brown, Miami, 1992 Orange Bowl
Longest Return ..... 42; Hurlie Brown, Miami, 1992 Orange Bowl

Punting

Most Punts ..... 10; Spike Jones, Georgia, 1969 Sun Bowl
Best Average ..... 52.3; Chris Hogue, Tennessee, 1998 Orange Bowl
Longest Punt ..... 78; Chris Hogue, Tennessee, 1998 Orange Bowl

Punt Returns

Most Returns ..... 6; Kevin Williams, Miami, 1992 Orange Bowl
Most Yards Returned ..... 58; Billy Davis, Clemson, 1982 Orange Bowl
Longest Return ..... 48; Eddie Brown, Miami, 1984 Orange Bowl

Kickoff Returns

Most Returns ..... 6; Reidel Anthony, Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Most Yards Return ..... 195; Reidel Anthony, Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Longest Return ..... 93; Reidel Anthony; Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl

Scoring

Most Points ..... 18; William Bell, Ga.Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
..... 18; Billy Taylor, Texas Tech, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl
Most Touchdowns ..... 3; William Bell, Ga. Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl
..... 3; Billy Taylor, Texas Tech, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl
Longest TD ..... 93; Reidel Anthony (kickoff), Florida, 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Most Field Goals ..... 4; Scott Bentley, Florida State; 1994 Orange Bowl
Longest Field Goal ..... 49; Juan Betanzos, LSU, 1983 Orange Bowl
Most PATs ..... 6; Scott Sisson, Ga. Tech, 1991 Citrus Bowl

Nebraska Bowl Records

Two-Team Records

Most Points ..... 86; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Points ..... 17; 1965 Cotton Bowl vs. Arkansas
Most Touchdowns ..... 11; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Touchdowns .... 2; five times, most recently 1992 Orange Bowl vs. Miami
Most Points in Quarter ..... 31(second); 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech
..... (Nebraska 14, Georgia Tech 17)
Most Plays ..... 163; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
Most First Downs ..... 47; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
..... 1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech
Fewest First Downs ..... 22; 1965 Cotton Bowl vs. Arkansas
Most Total Offensive Yards ..... 908; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Fewest Total Offensive Yards ..... 344; 1965 Cotton Bowl vs. Arkansas
Most Rushing Yards ..... 538; 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
Fewest Rushing Yards ..... 145; 1965 Cotton Bowl vs. Arkansas
Most Passing Yards ..... 629; 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
Fewest Passing Yards ..... 108; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke
Most Passes Attempted ..... 70; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
..... 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Fewest Passes Attempted ..... 22; 1955 Orange Bowl vs. Duke
Most Passes Completed ..... 40; 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
Fewest Passes Completed ..... 7; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
Most Touchdown Passes ..... 6; 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
Most Touchdown Rushes ..... 7; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Interceptions ..... 8; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
..... 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Rushes Attempted ..... 115; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
Fewest Rushes Attempted ..... 66; 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Fumbles ..... 11; 1987 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Fewest Fumbles ..... 0; 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
..... 1995 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
Most Fumbles Lost ..... 6; 1971 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Most Turnovers ..... 9; 1967 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
..... 1971 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Most Penalties ..... 21; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
Fewest Penalties ..... 3; 1976 Astro Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech
..... 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
Most Yards Penalized ..... 208; 1987 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
Fewest Yards Penalized ..... 26; 1976 Astro Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech

Huskers vs. Heisman Winners in Bowl Games

The Huskers have played two bowl games against players who were chosen as the Heisman Trophy winner in December before the bowl game. Unfortuately, Nebraska lost both of those contests, a 31-24 defeat to Oklahoma's Billy Sims and a 18-16 loss to Charlie Ward's Florida State Seminoles in 1994. Both of those players had key roles in Nebraska's defeats.

1979 Orange Bowl

Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24
Billy Sims
25 attempts
134 rushing yards
2 touchdowns

1994 Orange Bowl

Florida St. 18, Nebraska 16
Charlie Ward
Eight attempts
-3 rushing yards
0 touchdowns
24-for-43 passing
286 passing yards

Longest Scoring Plays

1. 92, Willie Ross kickoff return; 1962 Gotham Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
2. 77, Johnny Rodgers punt return; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
3. 75, Tommie Frazier run; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
4. 68, Dennis Claridge run; 1964 Orange Bowl vs. Auburn
5. 52, Frosty Anderson pass from Rodgers; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
6. 52, Tim McGrady pass from Jeff Quinn; 1980 Sun Bowl vs. Miss. State
7. 52, Dana Brinson punt return; 1988 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
8. 50, Rodgers pass from David Humm; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
9. 50, Derek Brown run; 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech
10. 49, Ben Gregory pass from Bob Churchich; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
11. 42, Michael Booker interception return; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
12. 42, Lawrence Phillips run; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
13. 41, Corey Dixon pass from Frazier; 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
14. 34, Reggie Baul pass from Frazier; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
15. 34, Tim Smith pass from Randy Garcia; 1977 Liberty Bowl vs. North Carolina

Longest Passes

1. 56, Johnny Rodgers from Jerry Tagge; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
2. 55, Tim McCrady pass from Jeff Quinn; 1980 Sun Bowl vs. Miss. State
3. 52*, Frosty Anderson from Johnny Rodgers; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
   52*, Tim McCrady pass from Jeff Quinn; 1980 Sun Bowl vs. Miss. State
5. 50*, Johnny Rodgers from David Humm; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
6. 49*, Ben Gregory from Bob Churchich; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
   49, Chuck Malito from Roger Craig; 1976 Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech
8. 48, Tom Banderas from Steve Taylor; 1988 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
9. 41*, Corey Dixon from Tommie Frazier, 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
10. 41, Mark Dowse from Mike Stigge, 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State

Longest Rushes

1. 75*, Tommie Frazier; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
2. 68*, Dennis Claridge; 1964 Orange Bowl vs. Auburn
3. 50*, Derek Brown; 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech
4. 47, Ahman Green; 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
5. 45, Harry Wilson; 1965 Cotton Bowl vs. Arkansas
6. 43, Ahman Green; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
7. 42*, Lawrence Phillips; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
8. 40, Tony Davis; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
9. 37, Dick Davis; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
10. 36, Gary Dixon; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
11. 35, Corey Dixon; 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
12. 34, Tyresse Knox; 1987 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
    34, Ken Clark; 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
14. 33, Damon Benning; 1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech
15. 32, Jeff Kinney; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
    32, Tommie Frazier; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
    32, James Sims; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida

Interception Returns For TD

1. 42, Michael Booker; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida

Punt Returns For TD

1. 77, Johnny Rodgers; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
2. 52, Dana Brinson; 1988 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State

Kickoff Returns For TD

1. 92, Willie Ross; 1962 Gotham Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.

Fumble Returns For TD

1. 31, Jason Peter; 1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech

Nebraska Bowl Records

Single-Game Top Performances

Rushing Yards

1. 206, Ahman Green; 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
2. 199, Tommie Frazier; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
3. 165, Lawrence Phillips; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
4. 147, Mike Rozier; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami
5. 126, Tony Davis; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
6. 118, Mike Rozier; 1983 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State
7. 118, Rick Berns; 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech
8. 108, Dennis Claridge; 1964 Orange Bowl vs. Auburn
9. 106, Tony Davis; 1974 Cotton Bowl vs. Florida
10. 102, Doug DuBose; 1985 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
11. 99, Jeff Kinney; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
    99, Rick Berns; 1979 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma
    99, Jeff Smith; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
    99, Doug DuBose; 1986 Fiesta Bowl vs. Michigan
    99, Derek Brown; 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech

Passing Marks

1. 232, Bob Churchich; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama
2. 220, Tom Sorley; 1979 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma
3. 209, Tom Haase; 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech
4. 206, Tommie Frazier; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State
5. 201, Bob Churchich; 1967 Sugar Bowl vs. Alabama
6. 186, David Humm, 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
7. 184, Turner Gill; 1983 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State
8. 183, Vince Ferragamo; 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech
9. 172, Turner Gill; 1984 Orange Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.
10. 159, Jeff Quinn; 1980 Sun Bowl vs. Mississippi State
    159, Jerry Tagge; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama

Receiving Marks

1. 138, Johnny Mitchell; 1991 Citrus Bowl vs. Georgia Tech (5 receptions)
2. 123, Corey Dixon; 1993 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State (5 receptions)
3. 107, Chuck Malito; 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Texas Tech (3 receptions)
   107, Tim McCrady; 1980 Cotton Bowl vs. Houston (2 receptions)
5. 84, Johnny Rodgers; 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama (4 receptions)
   84, Irving Fryar; 1983 Orange Bowl vs. Louisiana State (5 receptions)
7. 78, Tim Smith; 1977 Liberty Bowl vs. North Carolina (4 receptions)
8. 75, Trumane Bell; 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State (4 receptions)
9. 73, Tony Jeter; 1966 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama (3 receptions)
10. 71, Johnny Rodgers; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame (3 receptions)

Longest Field Goals

1. 50, Paul Rogers; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
   50, Greg Barrios; 1989 Orange Bowl vs. Miami
3. 43, Rich Sanger; 1974 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas
4. 42, Paul Rogers; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
   42, Dale Klein; 1987 Sugar Bowl vs. Louisiana State
6. 39, Mike Coyle; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
   39, Chris Drennan; 1990 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida State
8. 37, Paul Rogers; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
   37, Mike Coyle; 1974 Sugar Bowl vs. Florida
   37, Kris Brown; 1996 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia Tech

Leading Scorers

1. 24, Johnny Rodgers; 1973 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame
2. 18, Scott Frost; 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee
   18, Lawrence Phillips; 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
4. 16, Paul Rogers; 1969 Sun Bowl vs. Georgia
5. 14, Bill Thorton; 1962 Gotham Bowl vs. Miami, Fla.

Note: underlined - indicates current player

All-Time Bowl Career Leaders

Rushing Yards

1. 340, Mike Rozier, 1982-84 (three games)
2. 326, Ahman Green, 1996-98 (three games)
3. 325, Lawrence Phillips, 1994-96 (three games)
4. 316, Tommie Frazier, 1993-96 (four games)
5. 292, Tony Davis, 1974-1975 (three games)

Most Attempts: 66; Mike Rozier, 1982-84

Passing Yards

1. 501, Bob Churchich, 1965-67 (three games)
2. 447, Tommie Frazier, 1993-1996 (four games)
3. 365, Jerry Tagge, 1969-71 (three games)
4. 356, Turner Gill, 1983-84 (two games)
5. 325, Tom Sorley, 1978-79 (two games)

Most Attempts: 66, Bob Churchich, 1965-67 (three games)
Most Completions: 41, Bob Churchich, 1965-67 (three games)

Receiving Yards

1. 200, Johnny Rodgers, 1971-73 (three games)
2. 195, Johnny Mitchell, 1991-92 (two games)
3. 173, Corey Dixon, 1993-94, (two games)
4. 150, Tim Smith, 1977-80, (three games)
5. 145, Irving Fryar, 1983-84, (three games)

Most Receptions: 11, Johnny Rodgers, 1971-73 (three games)

Scoring

1. 30, Scott Frost, 1996-98 (two games)
   30, Johnny Rodgers, 1971-73 (three games)
3. 28, Kris Brown 1996-present (three games)
4. 24, Lawrence Phillips, 1994-96 (three games)
5. 21, Paul Rogers, 1969-70 (two games)

Touchdowns: 5, Frost and Rodgers

NCAA Bowl Records Held by Nebraska

Individual

Most Individual Net Rushing Yards by a Quarterback--199 (16 att.), Tommie Frazier, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Individual Passes Broken Up--3, Barron Miles, 1995 Orange Bowl vs. Miami; Tyrone Williams, 1994 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State; Michael Booker, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida (ties two others)
Most Individual Punt Return Yards--136 (6 returns), Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama

Team

Most Team Net Rushing Yards--524 (68 att.), 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Team Points Scored in a Quarter--Second quarter, 29 points, 1996 Fiesta Bowl vs. Florida
Most Team Punt Return Yards--136 (6 returns), Johnny Rodgers, 1972 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama

Huskers Own 30-Year Bowl String

When Alabama did not receive a bowl bid at the end of the 1984 season, Nebraska took over the NCAA record for the longest current string of consecutive bowl apearances from the Crimson Tide. Alabama had appeared in 25 straight bowl games dating back to the inaugural Liberty Bowl at Philadelphia in 1959, but did not receive a bid in 1984. The Huskers, first under Bob Devaney, then Tom Osborne, and now under Frank Solich, have appeared in a bowl game in 30 consecutive seasons, starting with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The 30 consecutive bowls is an NCAA record.

Nebraska has won three Sears Trophies, signifying the national champion in the coaches poll, in the 1990s. Nebraska won three titles in four seasons (1994, 1995 and 1997), a feat that has only been accomplished one other time in NCAA history.

1998 Bowl Schedule

Game	Location	Date	Time	Teams	Network
Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas, Nev.	Dec. 19	5 p.m.	San Diego State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (6-5)	ESPN2
Motor City Bowl	Pontiac, Mich.	Dec. 23	7 p.m.	Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4)	ESPN2
Jeep Aloha Bowl	Honolulu, Hawaii	Dec. 25	2:30 p.m.	Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3)	ABC
Jeep Oahu Bowl	Honolulu, Hawaii	Dec. 25	7:30 p.m.	Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5)	ESPN
Insight.com Bowl	Tucson, Ariz.	Dec. 26	7 p.m.	West Virginia (8-3) vs. Missouri (7-4)	ESPN
Micron PC Bowl	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Dec. 29	6:30 p.m.	North Carolina St. (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3)	TBS
American General Music City Bowl	Nashville, Tenn.	Dec. 29	4 p.m.	Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3)	ESPN
Builders Square Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas	Dec. 29	7:30 p.m.	Purdue (8-4) vs. Kansas State (11-1)	ESPN
Humanitarian Bowl	Boise, Idaho	Dec. 30	2 p.m.	Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Mississsippi (7-4)	ESPN2
Culligan Holiday Bowl	San Diego, Calif.	Dec. 30	7 p.m.	Arizona (11-1) vs. Nebraska (9-3)	ESPN
AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.	Dec. 31	12:30 p.m.	Tulane (11-0) vs. BYU (9-4)	ESPN
Norwest Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Dec. 31	1 p.m.	USC (8-4) vs. TCU (6-5)	CBS
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 31	4 p.m.	Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3)	ESPN
Sanford Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.	Dec. 31	7:30 p.m.	Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Ole Miss (6-5)	ESPN
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1	10 a.m.	Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4)	ESPN
Toyota Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 1	11:30 a.m.	Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Georgia Tech (9-2)	NBC
CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1	Noon	Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2)	ABC
Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl	Dallas, Texas	Jan. 1	10 a.m.	Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3)	FOX
Rose Bowl	Pasadena, Calif.	Jan. 1	3:30 p.m.	UCLA (10-1) vs. Wisconsin (10-1)	ABC
Nokia Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1	7:30 p.m.	Ohio State (10-1) vs. Texas A&M (11-2)	ABC
FedEx Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 2	7 p.m.	Florida (9-2) vs. Syracuse (8-3)	ABC
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 4	7 p.m.	Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1)	ABC

All times listed are central

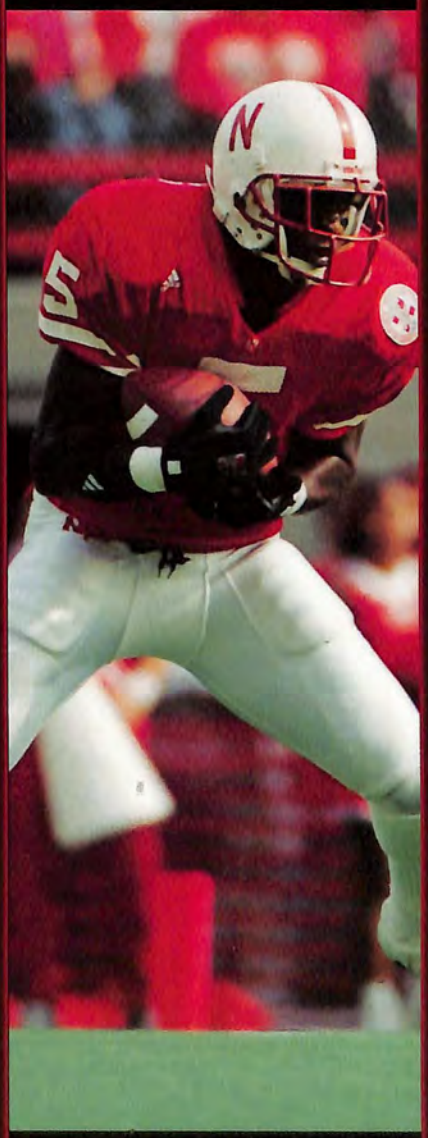
HUSKER '98 OFFENSE

CORRELL BUCKHALTER

> 799 Yards Rushing in 1998

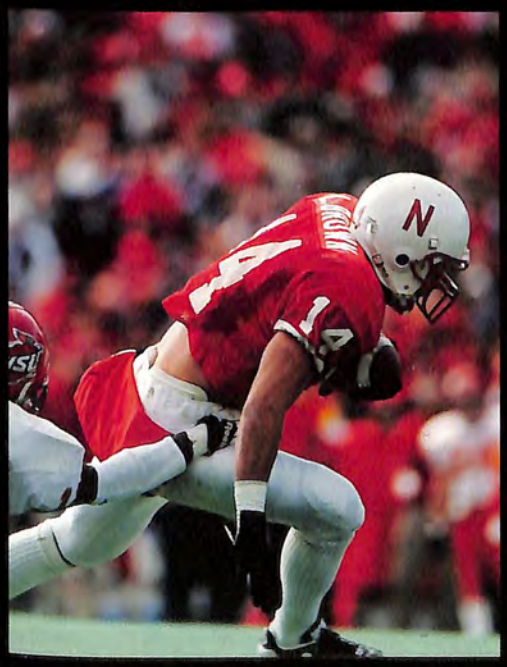
KENNY CHEATHAM

> 482 Career Receiving Yards



SHEVIN WIGGINS

> 741 All-Purpose Yards
- *326 Receiving Yards*
- *144 Punt Return Yards*
- *224 Kickoff Return Yards*
- *47 Rushing Yards*



LANCE BROWN

> Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12

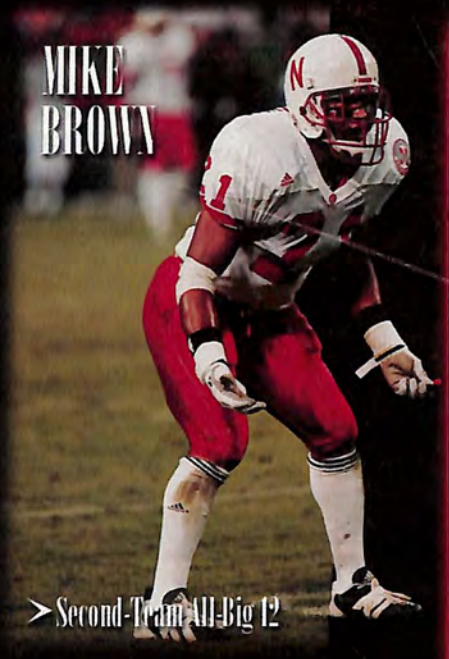
BEN GESSFORD

> Academic All-District VII

ERIC CROUCH

> 601 Passing Yards, 459 Rushing Yards

BLACK SHIRTS '98



MIKE BROWN

> Second-Team All-Big 12

JASON WILTZ

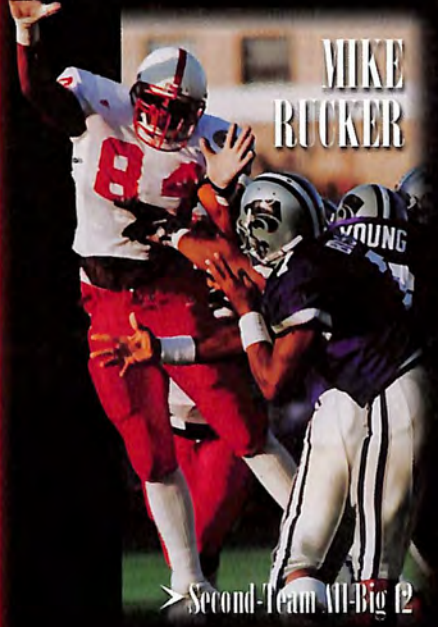
> Two Interceptions
(Defensive Lineman School Record)

CHAD KELSAY

> First-Team Academic All-American

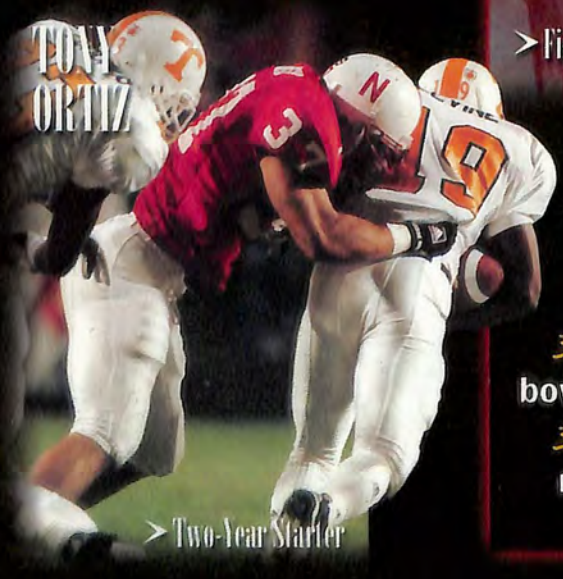
JAY FOREMAN

> Butkus Award Semifinalist



MIKE RUCKER

> Second-Team All-Big 12



TONY ORTIZ

> Two-Year Starter

The BLACKSHIRTS have helped Nebraska to its 30th consecutive bowl appearance and 30th consecutive nine-win season.

ERIC JOHNSON

> 11 Tackles For Loss